PICTORIAL TRAVELOGUE

SUDAN

SOCIALIZATION

1990-93

By

Maqsood Ahmad Khan

INTRODUCTION

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ARRIVAL IN THE SUDAN

During 1989, while I was working with Pakistan Railway Advisory and Consultancy Services (PRACS), was selected as Railway Operation Specialist on a World Bank Funded Programme of Rehabilitation and Recovery of Sudan Railways Corporation through Canadian Pacific Consultancy Service, Canada in the Sudan. Necessary confirmation was received during October 1990 and asked to report at Khartoum by 31st October 1990.

I travelled according to the following itinerary.

RECEPTION AT KHARTOUM

Necessary arrangements were made accordingly; and on 30th October 1990, in the evening, I was at Khartoum Airport, wherefrom was taken to the Hilton Hotel, Khartoum. I have heard and read a lot about this city especially about holding of International Conferences. It was really an exciting moment of my life; the good job and opportunity to work in Africa. I travelled according to the following itinerary.

ITINERARY

From	To	By	Departure	Arrival	REMARKS
Lahore (Pakistan)	Karachi (Pakistan)	PK - 347	7:10 30th October 1990	9:00 30th October 1990	Right Time
Karachi (Pakistan)	Abu Dhabi	PK - 237	14:15 30th Oct. 1990	15:15 30th Oct. 1990	Late by 45 Minutes
Abu Dhabi	Khartoum (Sudan)	SD - 237	16:00 30th Oct. 1990	18:00 30th Oct. 1990	Right Time

HILTON HOTEL KHARTOUM

When at Khartoum, we used to stay at Hilton Hotel, located at the conflux of River White Nile and River Blue Nile, facing later.

Sudan Railway and Canadian Pacific had an agreement with the hotel management to accommodate the team members and other listed people. Hilton, in fact was our home at Khartoum. The People in the hotel were very hospitable and we always felt as if were at home.

Mr. Hamada, an Egyptian settled in Canada, was the first person of the team who greeted and conducted me in the hotel. After fulfilling the formalities of checking in, he familiarized me with the hotel facilities and entrained me in the coffee shop. The Hotel was good with the five star facilities located between the White Nile and Blue Nile on the Bank of – **Blue Nile.**

Next day, on 31st October 1990, Mr. Hamada took me to the Office of Sudan Railway Corporation and then to the Agents Office. He also facilitated me to visit the Office of Charge de Affairs, Pakistan, where I met Mr. Akhter Malik of Pakistan Foreign Office. He greeted us pleasantly; and remained so, till were in Sudan.

Our place of duty was Atbara, the Headquarters Office of Sudan Railway Corporation, but we kept waiting in the hotel for our movement permit which took some time to be ready. During this waiting period I kept roaming about the city and visited almost all the important places.

I was provided my exclusive Four Wheels Drive Prado; therefore, the movement was easy and independent. This period we enjoyed a lot without any assignment. However, I visited a number of Railway Installations in and around Khartoum and met many a people. All very warm and welcoming which made me comfortable and at ease.

THE COORDINATING AGENCY

Canadian Pacific Consulting Services (CPCS), Canada was in contract with Sudan Railway Corporation (SRC) for providing Technical Assistance and Advisory Services to the later. However, to meet their own day to day needs and services either concerning Sudan Railways or other government or private departments, agencies etc.

It was National Engineering Company Limited, Po Box 208, Khartoum – Sudan. Mr. Dikeran, the head of the company and his team members were always there to help and provide services to the CPCS as well as the individual members of the Technical Team like securing Travelling Permits, arrangement of other important documents etc.

KHARTOUM TO ATBARA

At Last, on 7th November 1990 we moved towards Atbara, almost in a caravan led by Mr. Murray Horn, the Team Coordinator, full of zeal, zest and energy; very caring and cooperative. I enjoyed his company throughout my stay on the Project.

We left Khartoum at 8:30 and reached Atbara at 16:30. The journey was through the desert except a metaled road up to Gally, wherefrom we were driving through a sandy and rocky desert; very exciting, as I was driving my own vehicle independently. It was entirely a different and thrilling experience.

AT ATBARA

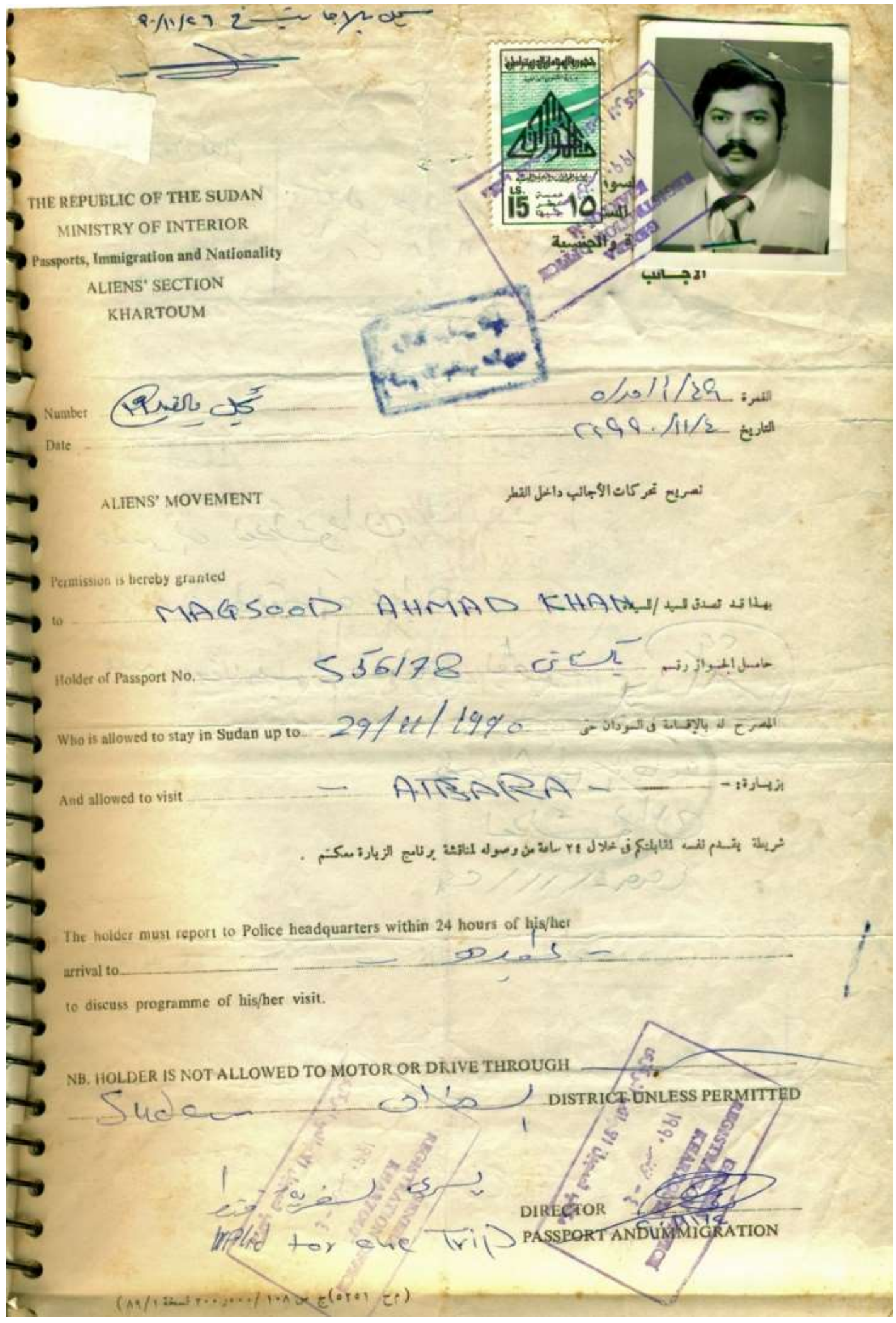
Next day, on the 8th November 1990, I was taken to the Sudan Railways Corporation's Headquarters Office by Murray Horn, where I was introduced to the Chief Traffic Manager of SRC and the Chief Planning Officer, who warmly greeted me and was introduced to other concerned officers.

This was my first day on duty in the office, which, I performed till the end of the project during June 1993.

Syed Ahmad Abbas was my counterpart at this project and he remained so till the end. He was very nice, helping, understanding, cooperative and supportive as well. He was great help to me throughout the project.

Now I was a TAT Member and Member of Sudan Railway Corporation

MOVEMENT / RESIDENCE PERMIT



THE REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Passports, Immigration and Nationality
ALIENS' SECTION
KHARTOUM

الجمهورية السودان
وزارة الداخلية
الجوازات والجنسية
الاجانب

Number
Date
التاريخ ٢٠٩٠/١١/٤

ALIENS' MOVEMENT

تصريح تحركات الأجانب داخل القطر

Permission is hereby granted
to MAQSOOD AHMAD KHAN بهذا قد تصدق السيد/السيدة
Holder of Passport No. 536178 باكستان حامل الجواز رقم
Who is allowed to stay in Sudan up to 29/11/1990 المصرح له بالإقامة في السودان حتى
And allowed to visit ATBARA ازيارة:-
شريطة يتقدم نفسه لقابلتكم في خلال ٢٤ ساعة من وصوله لمناقشة برنامج الزيارة معكم .

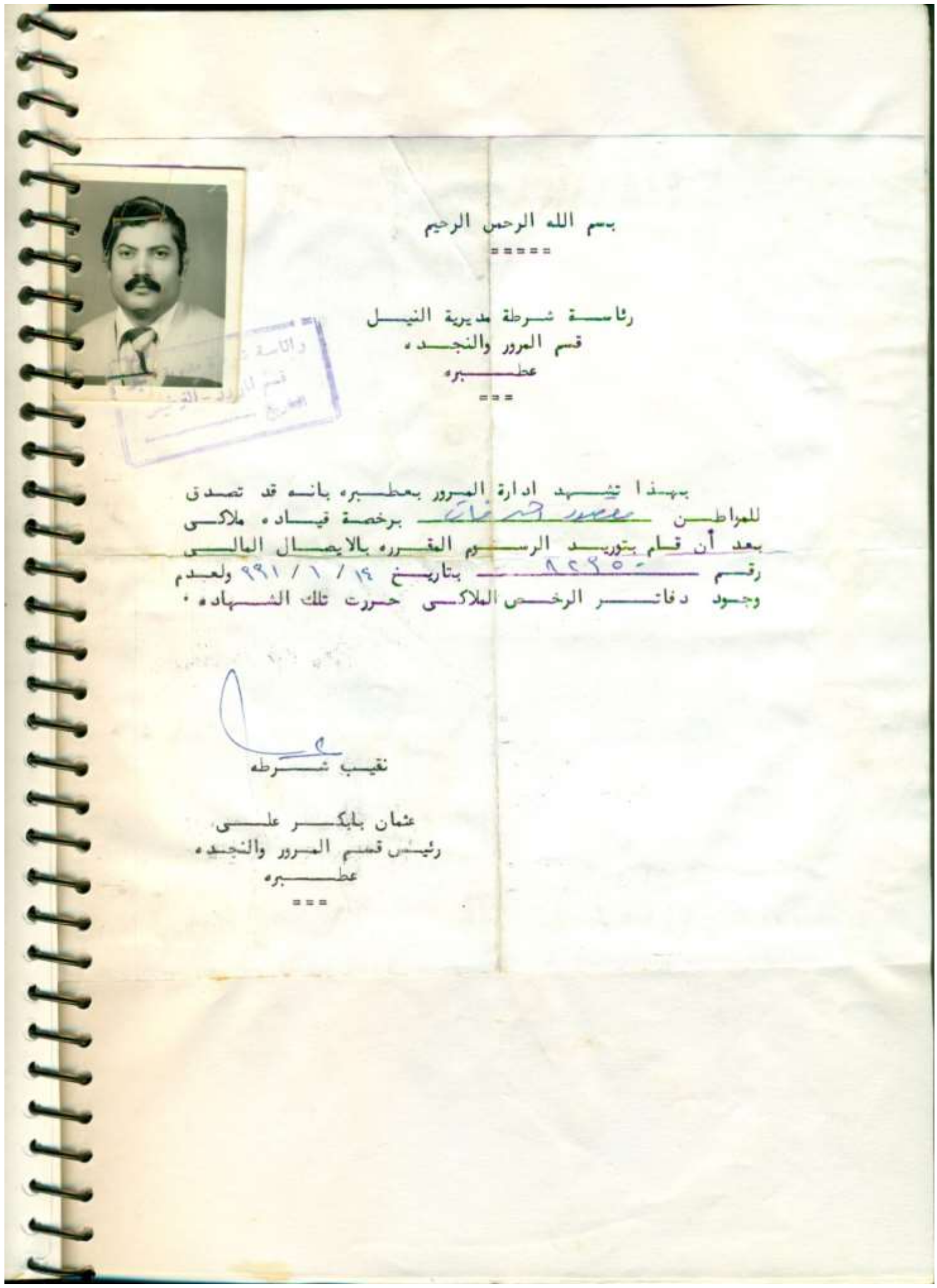
The holder must report to Police headquarters within 24 hours of his/her arrival to
to discuss programme of his/her visit.

NB. HOLDER IS NOT ALLOWED TO MOTOR OR DRIVE THROUGH Sudan DISTRICT UNLESS PERMITTED

Valid for one Trip

DIRECTOR
PASSPORT AND IMMIGRATION

MOVEMENT / RESIDENCE PERMIT



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رئاسة شرطة مديرية النيل
قسم المرور والنجدة
عطبرة
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بهذا تشهد ادارة المرور بعطبرة بانه قد تصدق
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بعد أن قام بتوريد الرسوم المقررة بالايصال المالي
رقم ٩٢٢٥ بتاريخ ١٩ / ١ / ٩٩١ ولعدم
وجود دفاتر الرخص الملاكي حررت تلك الشهادة .

نقيب شرطة

عثمان بابكر علي
رئيس قسم المرور والنجدة
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TAT VILLAGE

The place where we, all the members of the team were housed was the TAT Village. In the village prefabricated houses with all facilities to live WITH were available in every house.

The village was located between the General Manager Railways' Office and the Railway Officers Colony.

After we had arrived at Atbara, I was accommodated in an independent house in the TAT Village. Mr. Murray Horn, himself, helped me to settle down by demonstrating, right from burning the cooking range to operate the washing machine.

The house had three bed rooms, a bath room and a hall having the drawing room, dining room and kitchen facilities.

The house was very comfortable with five window type air conditioners.

Every Consultant was allotted a Prado Vehicle, especially designed to travel in the desert, with diesel oil supply and repair & maintenance facilities

INVENTORY OF GOODS & UTENCILS

PROVIDED TO OUR HOUSE NO 20

Mr. MAGSOUD KHAN

Car No 3228

House No 20

FURNISHINGS - 3 BEDROOM

Rebrégerator	1
36"76" beds/mattresses	2
Double bed with coil mattress	1
Queen bed with coil mattress	1
Night tables	5
Chest of drawers	3
Sofa	1
Lounge chairs	2
Coffee table	1
End table	1
Designer hutch	1
Dining table and 6 chairs	1
Stove,gas with 3 empty fuel bottles	1
30 gal. water heater	1
12,500 BTU A/C	5
Curtains (for all windows)	1
Colored TV. 14" c/w stand	1
Kitchen cabinets (set)	1
Table lamps	6 (2 Big + 4 small)
Pillows	6
Pillows cases	8
Bed sheet - twin	3
- double	2
- queen	2
Bed cover - twin	2
- double	1
- queen	1
Blanket - twin	3
- double	2 = 3
- queen	2
Face cloth	3
Face towel	6
Bath towel	6
Shower curtains	1
Clothes waster	1
Spoon,fork and knife (set)	8
Plate, saucer, cup and bowl (set)	8
Pots and pans (set of 4 pcs.)	1
Kitchen knives (set of 4 pcs.)	1
Stove top kettle (3 litre)	1
Drinking glasses	8
Kitchen spoons (4 pcs. set)	1

SUDAN HOUSING
JUNE 15, 1990

PROJECT & TECHNICAL ASSISTANT TEAM

(TAT)

The Project was a World Bank funded, Railway Emergency Recovery / Rehabilitation Programme (RERP) of the Sudan Railway Corporation.

This Project was to assist the Sudan Railway Corporation through a Technical Assistant Team (TAT) whose members were from various railway oriented disciplines, as Consultants. I was member of the TAT as Railway Operation Specialist to assist in the areas of Railway Transportation, Traffic and Movement of Locomotives, Freight wagons, and Passenger Carriages and ensure optimum utilization of these assets.

LIST OF TAT MEMBERS
THE HOUSES / VEHICLES ALLOTTED
NOVEMBER 1990

All the Consultants working with the World Bank through CPCS, belonging to various disciplines, formed a Technical Team i.e. Technical Assistant Team (TAT).
Following is the list of the members residing in the TAT Village at the time I reached Atbara during early November 1990.

LIST OF TAT MEMBERS
THE HOUSES /VEHICLES ALLOTTED
NOVEMBER 1990

HOUSE NO	OCCUPANT	VEHICLE NO
1	Office	
2	I.A. Santina	3238
3	Omar Razig	
4	Razig /Rahman	
5	Ahmed Rahman	3241
6	Andre Nadon	323
7	Gary Upshaw	3233
8	Dr. Bushara	3244
9	Douglas Yee	3236
10	Steve Borsa	3225
11	Andre Laporte	RS 9886
12	Florian Six	3237
13	Eugene Feiteler	3223
14	Charles Robertson	3242
15	Roland Bergeron	3222
16	Ed Jackson	3240
17	Murray Horn	3229
18	Guest House	
19	M.G. Naqi	3227
20	Maqsood Khan	3228
21	Amin Marei	3224
	Yassar Akkor	3239
22	Justin Douville	3226
23	Peter Bridge	3243
Club House	Clubhouse (along the Nile)	

OTHER ASPECTS

ELECTRICITY

The village had huge enough, Generator, to ensure un-interrupted supply of electrify to all the houses. The condition outside the Village was reverse.

WATER SUPPLY

The village had its own water supply tank. The water was brought from the Nile through a pipe and was treated to make it fit to drink.

TAT OFFICE

One of the houses in the TAT Village at the entrance point was declared as TAT Office.

The Office housed the Team Leader and the necessary office record.

One of the rooms was declared as Computer Room having all the computing oriented facilities and was accessible to all the TAT Member as and when required.

The hall accommodated the ministerial staff for the assistance of the team administration and all the members of the team – right from the money matters to filling gasoline.

Photo copying facilities and paper supply of papers were also available.

Floppies were also provided for record keeping.

Mr. Sa'ad and Mr. Fouzy were the office and facilities in-charges

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FOR TEAM MEMBERS

Every member of the team was provided a Japanese Prado designed to travel in the sand & rocky desert. Supply of gasoline, repair & maintenance and supply of the spared was on the Office. Two mechanical repair workshops were nominated for intermittent and periodical repair, one at Khartoum and other at Atbara.

LANGUAGE

In the Northern Sudan Arabic is widely spoken and understood. I had Arabic as one of the subjects at school and college level. However, practically on arrival at Sudan that it was not much help and I had to learn and speak Arabic, afresh. I just went on trying and made people laugh but at last, after some time I could communicate a little bit till the time I was quite fluent and could converse just like Sudanese. It helped me a lot during the remaining period. In fact, I overcame aliency and sometime was a moderator between the TAT administration and members with the rest of the Sudanese.

PEOPLE OF SUDAN

I found the Sudanese, I came across, very helpful, understanding and, friendly. I was just a family member for them and the position improved after my family had joined at Atbara. My wife, Farana Ahmad was quite interactive and had picked up some Arabic, facilitating her to communicate the basics.

Throughout the currency of the project we were the part of the social system of Sudan.

LIFE IN TAT VILLAGE

AT

ATBARA-SUDAN

OUR HOUSE

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OUR HOUSE IN THE TAT VILLAGE

OUR HOUSE IN THE TAT VILLAGE

ME WITH MY SON MOHSIN AND JEHANEB IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE

MY SON JEHANEB IN THE BACK YARD OF OUR HOUSE

MY SON JEHANEB IN THE BACK YARD OF OUR HOUSE

MY SON JEHANZEB KHAN IN THE BACKYARD OF OUR HOUSE

MY WIFE, FARZANA AHMAD KHAN

COMING FROM OFFICE

BACK YARD OF OUR HOUSE

ENJOYING BAR B Q

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1992-8-01

RELAXING IN THE LAWNN OF THE HOUSE – ATBARA SUDAN

1992-8-01

ZEB IN THE LAWN – ATBARA - SUDAN

1992-8-01

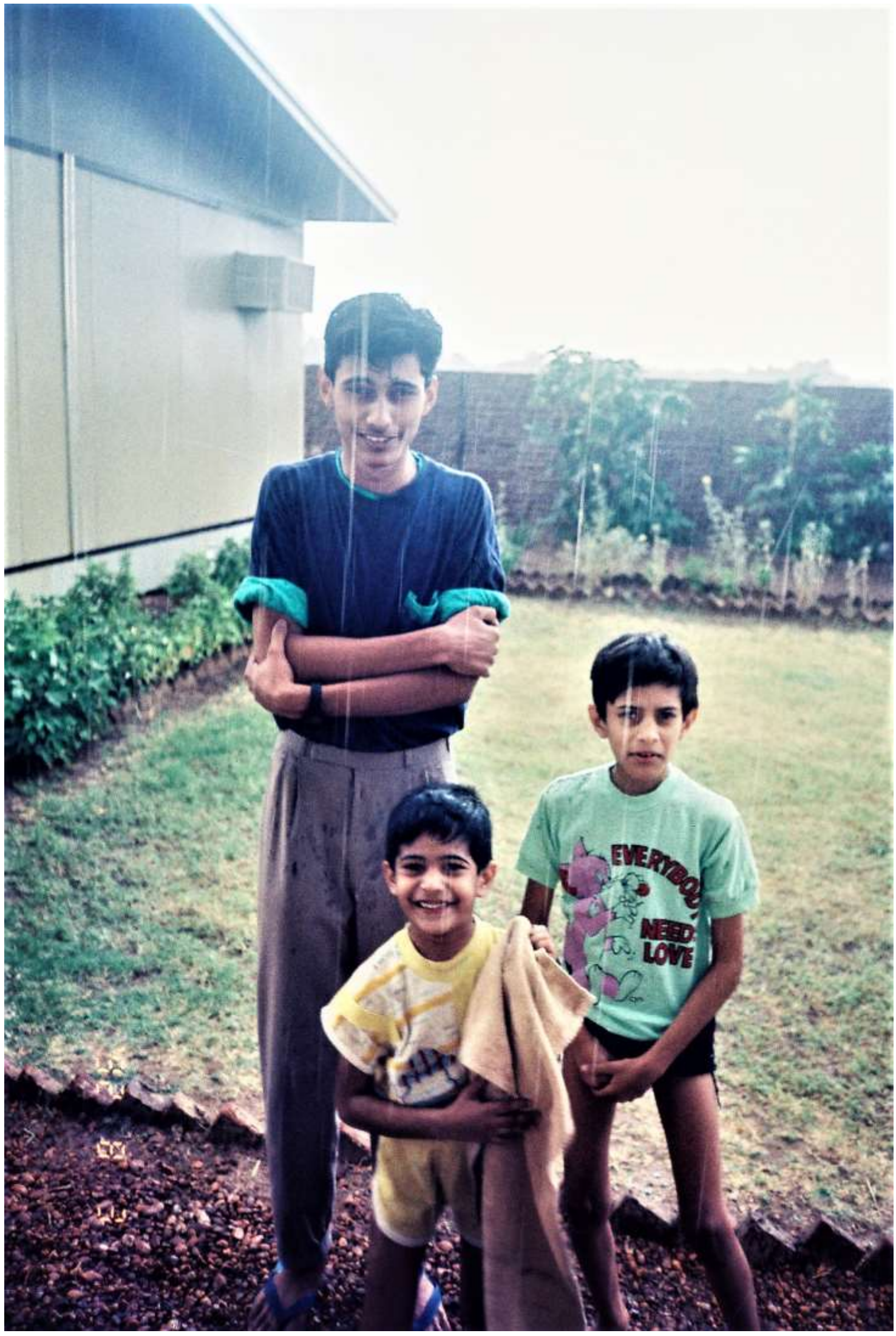
KIRAN AND ZEB IN THE LAWN – ATBARA SUDAN

1992-8-03
MOEEN, ZEB AND MOHSIN IN THE LAWN OF THE HOUSE
ATBARA – SUDAN
IT IS RAINING

1992-8-03

MOEEN, ZEB AND MOHSIN IN THE LAWN - IT IS RAINING

ATBARA – SUDAN



MY WIFE, FARZANA AHMAD KHAN

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MY WIFE, AND OUR SON JEHANZEB AHMAD KHAN

KIRAN – M DAUGHTER

Muhammad Awad

1992-7-27

ME AND MY WIFE IN THE HOUSE
ATBARA – SUDAN

1993-5-24
ZEB WITH MR. NAQI; M COEAGUE
ATBARA - SUDAN

1993-5-24
MR. AWAD SUPPLYING MILK AT OUR PLACE
ATBARA - SUDAN

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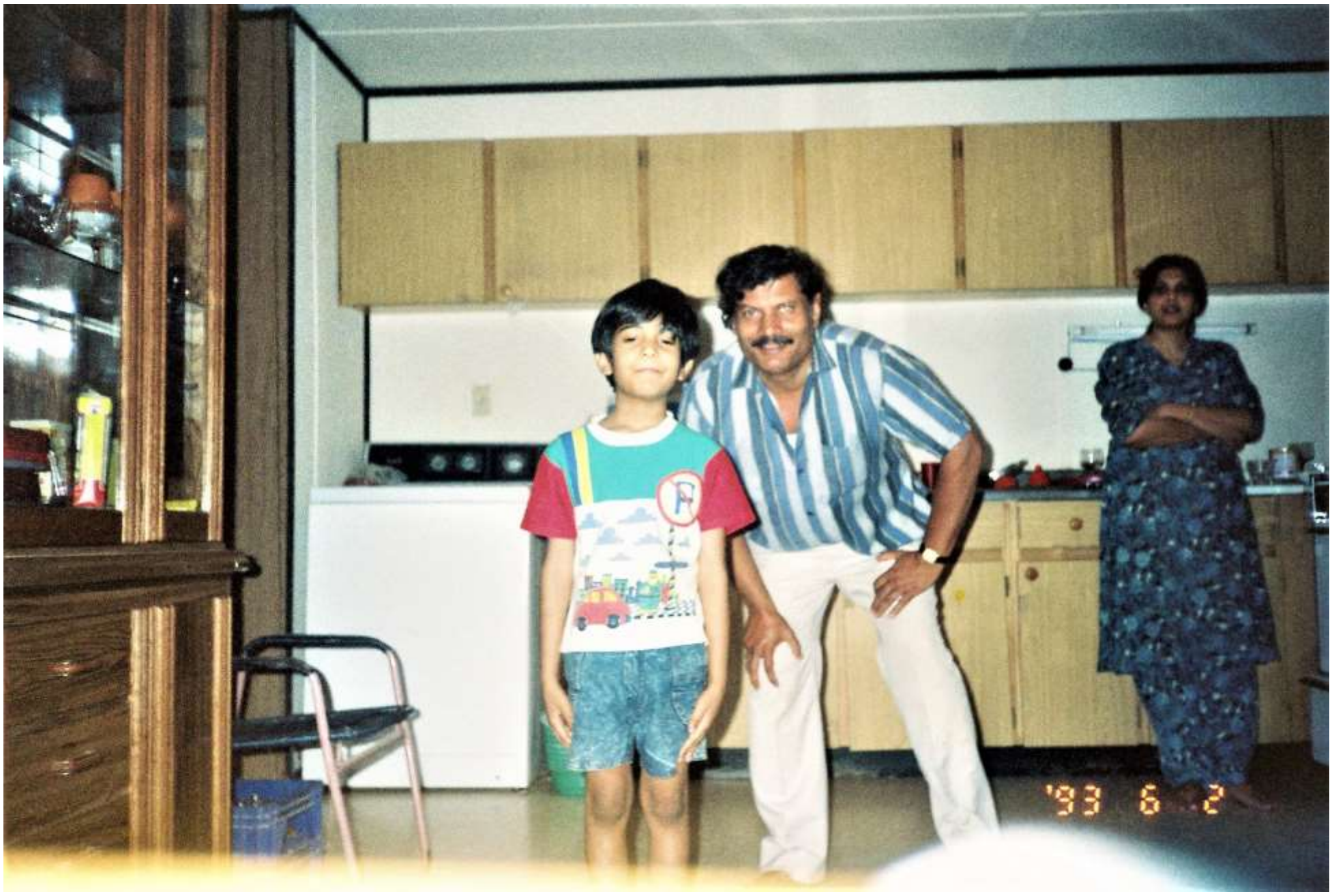

8-6-1993
AND ZEB ENJOYING THEIR MEAL
ATBARA - SUDAN

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RELAXING AT OUR PACE
ATBARA - SUDAN

1992-7-27

ZEB IN THE HOUSE – ATBARA - SUDAN

COMMUNITY LIFE

IN

THE TAT VILLAGE

MR, CHARLIE OCCASIONALLY PLAYED THE BAGPIPE

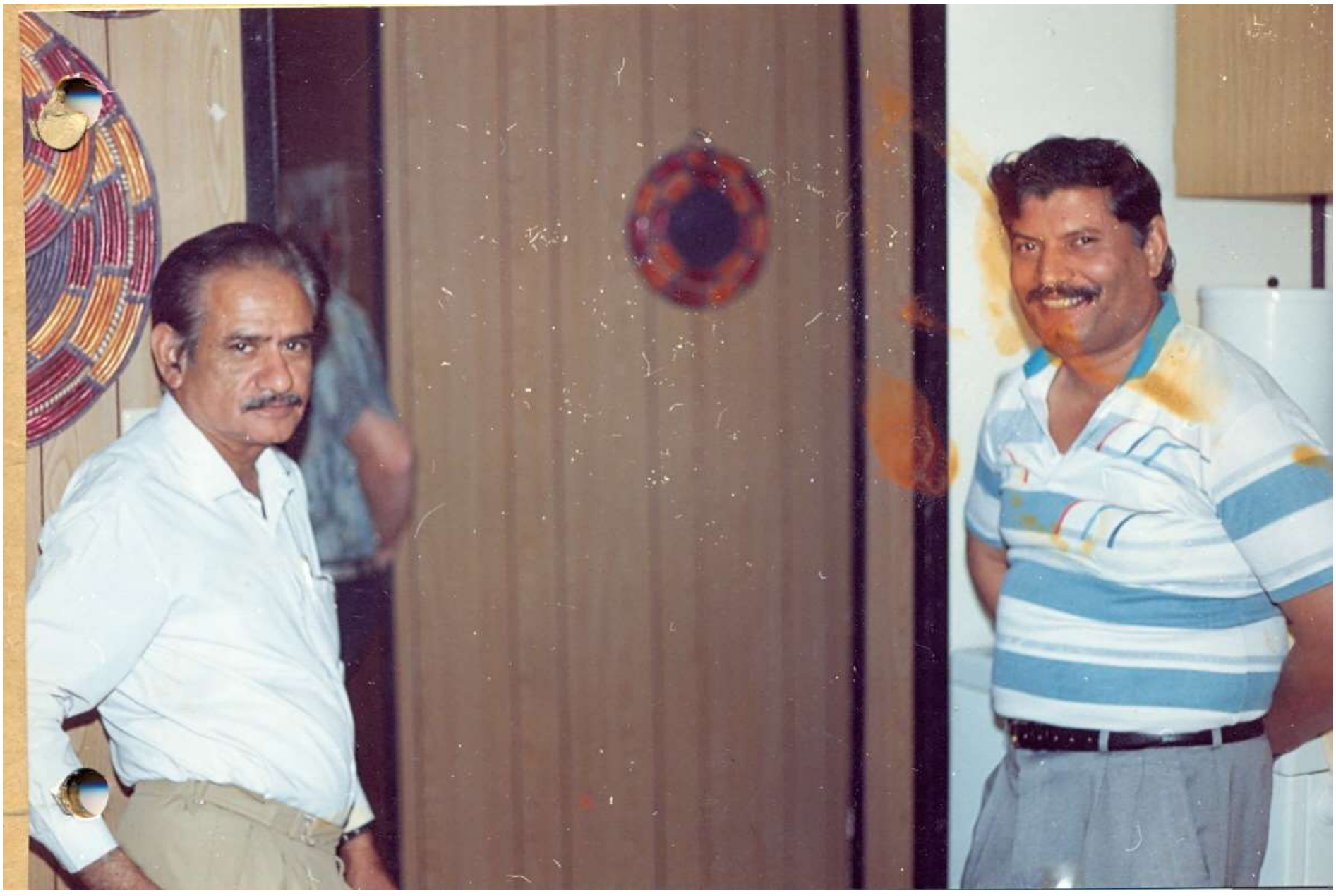
MR. CHARLIE, EUGENE FEITELER, AND MYSELF

MR. CHARLIE PAYING THE BAG PIPE

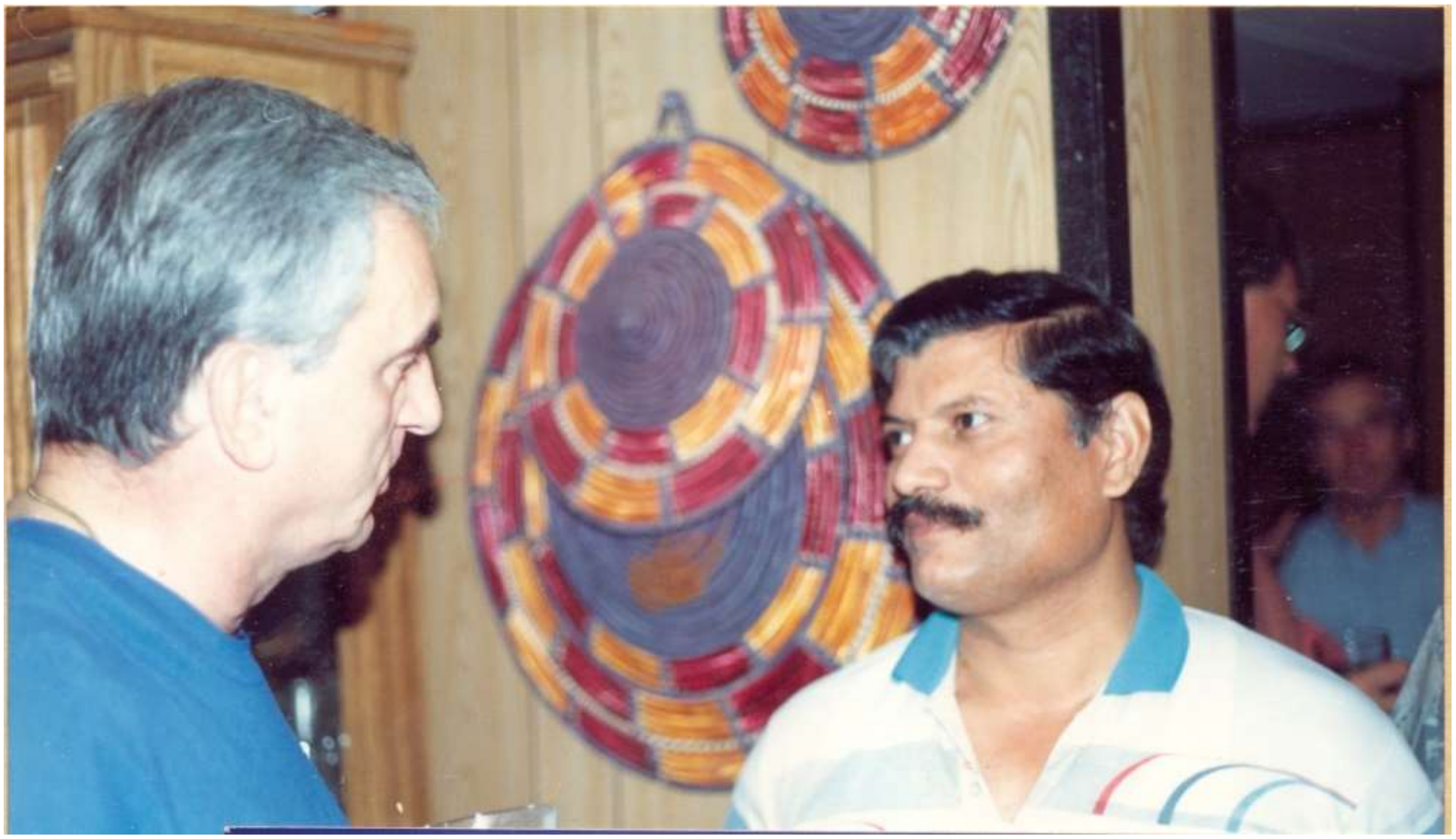
ANDRE LA PORTE AND MYSELF

AMIN MAREI AND MYSELF

MR NAQI AND MYSELF



CONSULTAN FROM GERMANY AND MY SELF



MEMBERS OF THE TEAM READY TO LEAVE FOR A PICNIC

MR. NAQI AND MYSELF

MR. NAQI AND MYSELF DINING TOGETHER

MARTHA

IN THE HOUSE OF MR. STEVE BORSA

MYSELF, MR. NAQI, MR. PETER BRIDGE AND A SUDANESE FRIEND PLAYING ON THE GUITAR

MY SONS, JEHANZEB KHAN AND MOHSIN KHAN

IN PETER HORN BRIDGE HOUSE

HELEN, MY WIFE, VEERA BORSA AND MADAM BORSA

FARZANA, VEERA, MAHEESA AND JEHANZEB KHAN

ZEB, FARZANA, HELEN, ANDRE NADON, MAHEESA, AMEEN MEREI AND JUSTIN DOUVILLE

ANDRE NADON

ANDRE NADON AND MYSELF

FARZANA, ANDRE NADON AND HELEN

FARZANA, ANDRE NADON AND HELEN

FARZANA, MY WIFE, HELEN AND ANDRE NADON

FARZANA AND HELEN

FARZANA AND HELEN
ANDRE NADON IN THE BACKGROUND

1993-6-22

KHARTOUM REST HOUSE

JOHN TAIT, WORLD BANK COORDINATOR AND MYSELF

MY WIFE AND JOHN TAIT, WORLD BANK COORDINATOR

FAREWELL TO AMIN MAREI

ONE OF THE TEAM MEMBERS

TEAM MEMBERS BIDDING FAREWELL TO OUR COLLEAGUE AMIN MAREI AND HIS WIFE MAHEESA

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SOCIALIZATION

RELATION WITH COMMUNITY

SOCIALIZATION

The first thing I emphasized was mutually respectful relationship with the members of TAT Team and the local Sundanese, which I did successfully and passed my time very comfortably.

We used to visit our friends at their places as social courtesy calls, which, included the members of the TAT Team and the people in the town either from the railways or others. This enabled us to harmonies with the community and we spent time comfortably throughout our stay there.

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VISIT TO

PETER BRIDGE

AND

VEERA'S PLACE

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PETER BRIDGE AND VERA

Mr. Peter Bridge was our colleague TAT member. One time he was our Team Leader. He was a very nice and helpful man. Always, he was, with a smiling face.

Madame Vera was his wife was also a nice and kind lady. She always, was greeting us with a smiling face and peasant mood.

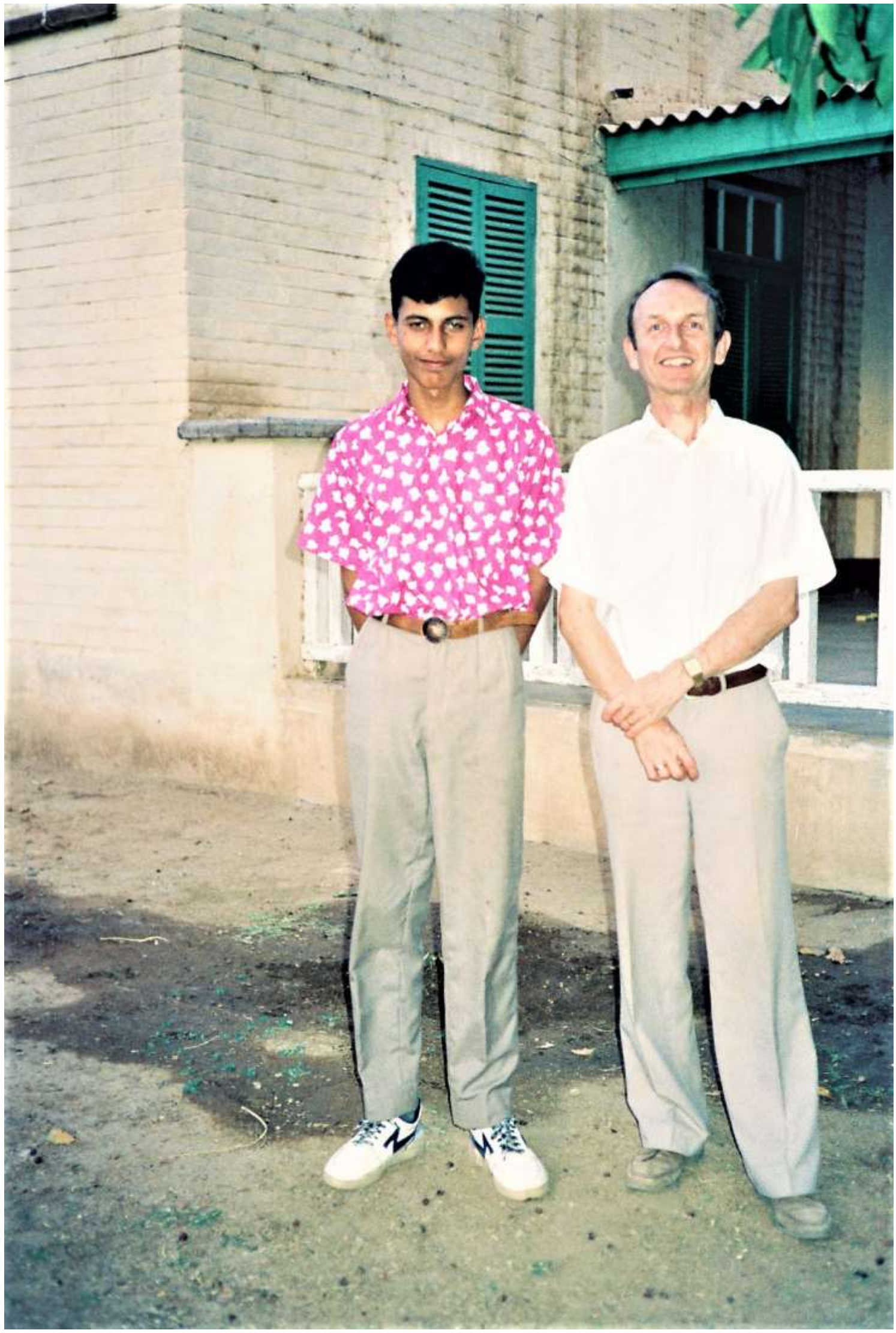
He had made, her own routine schedule. On every Wednesday she was out for shopping and a must visit to our house. I was realy an occasion to have her with us.

VISIT TO THEIR PLACE

One day visited their place with our family. We were greeted well and spent very good time with them

MOEEN KHAN, FARZANA AND VEERA

MOEEN KHAN AND PETER BRIDGE

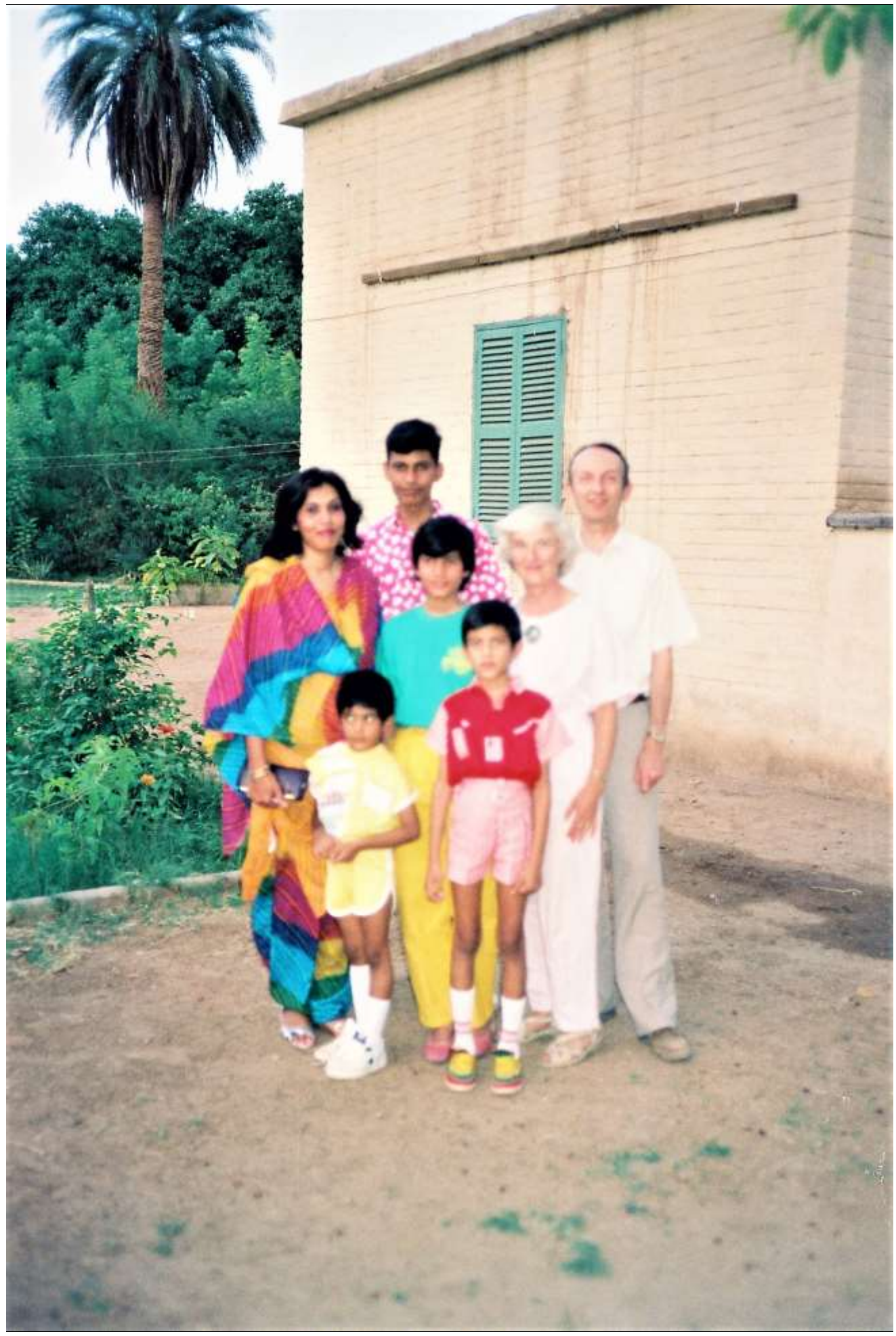


MYSELF AND PETER

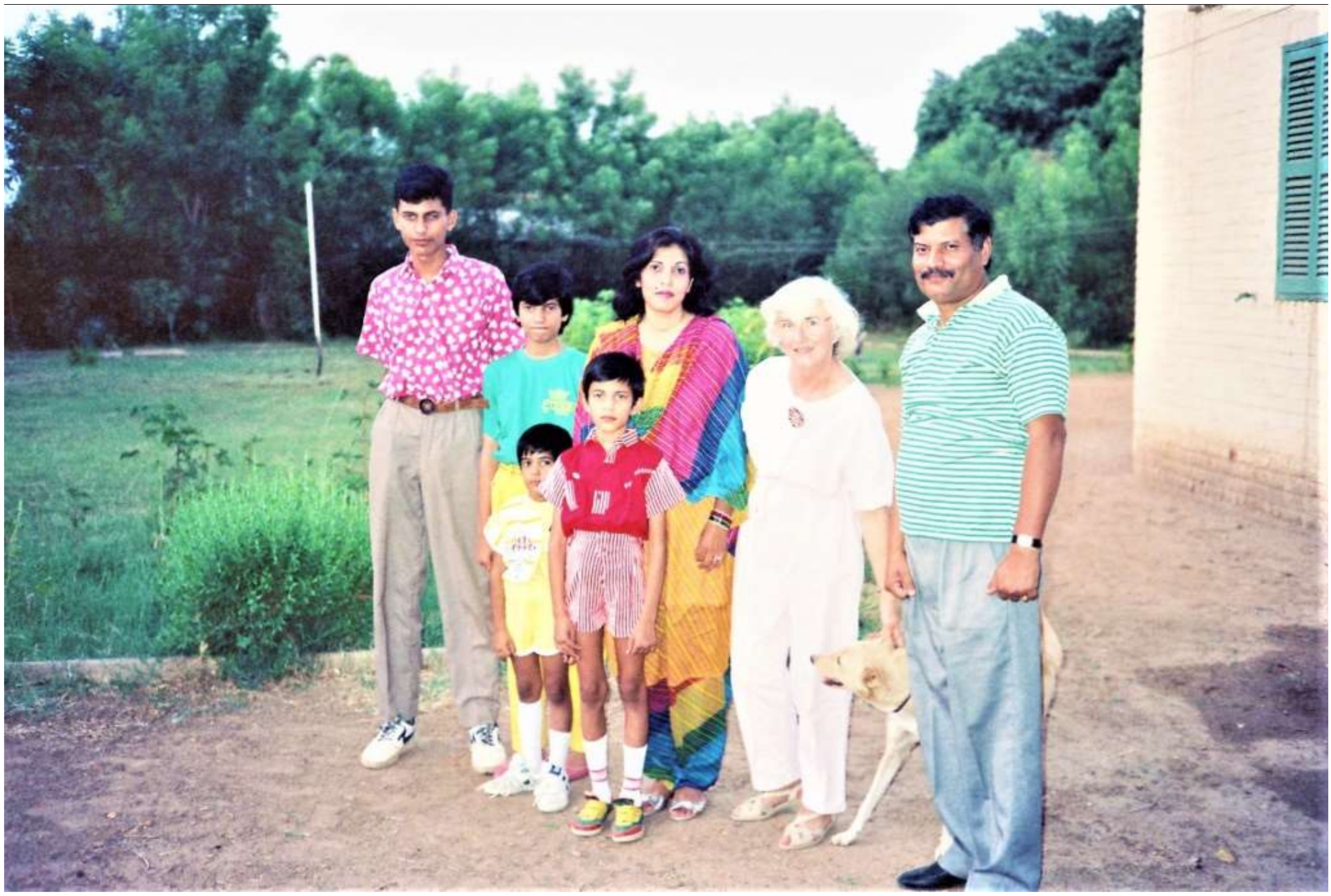
FARZANA KHAN VERA AND BACK OF MOEEN

VEERA, KHAN, KIRAN, MOHSIN MOEEN ZEB AND PETER BRODGE

KHAN, ZEB, MOEEN, KIRAN MOHSIN, VEERA AND PETER BRIDGE



MOEEN, KIRAN, ZEB, MOHSIN, FARZANA KHAN, VEERA AND MYSELF



ZEB AND MOHSIN RELAXING

ACTIVITIES
AT
TAT CLUB

TAT CLUB
1991-12-6

For the entertainment and pass time activities a Railway Bungalow was allotted to the CPCS / TAT Team on the Nile.

This Club was the hub of social activates of the TAT Members which were fully availed.

An account of few occasion was snapped and given below

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MYSELF WITH

OMER RAZAQ'S 'DAUGHTERS

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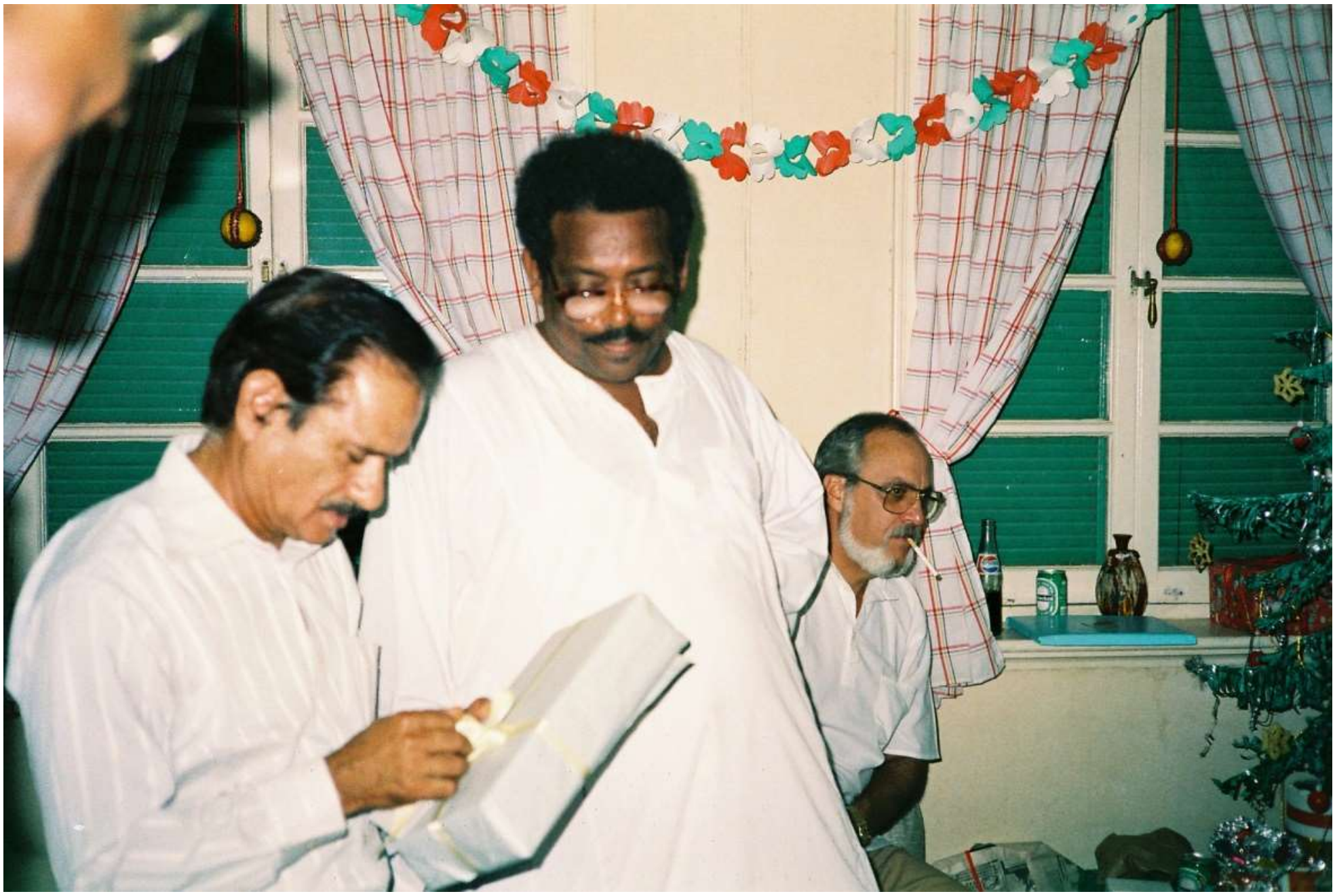
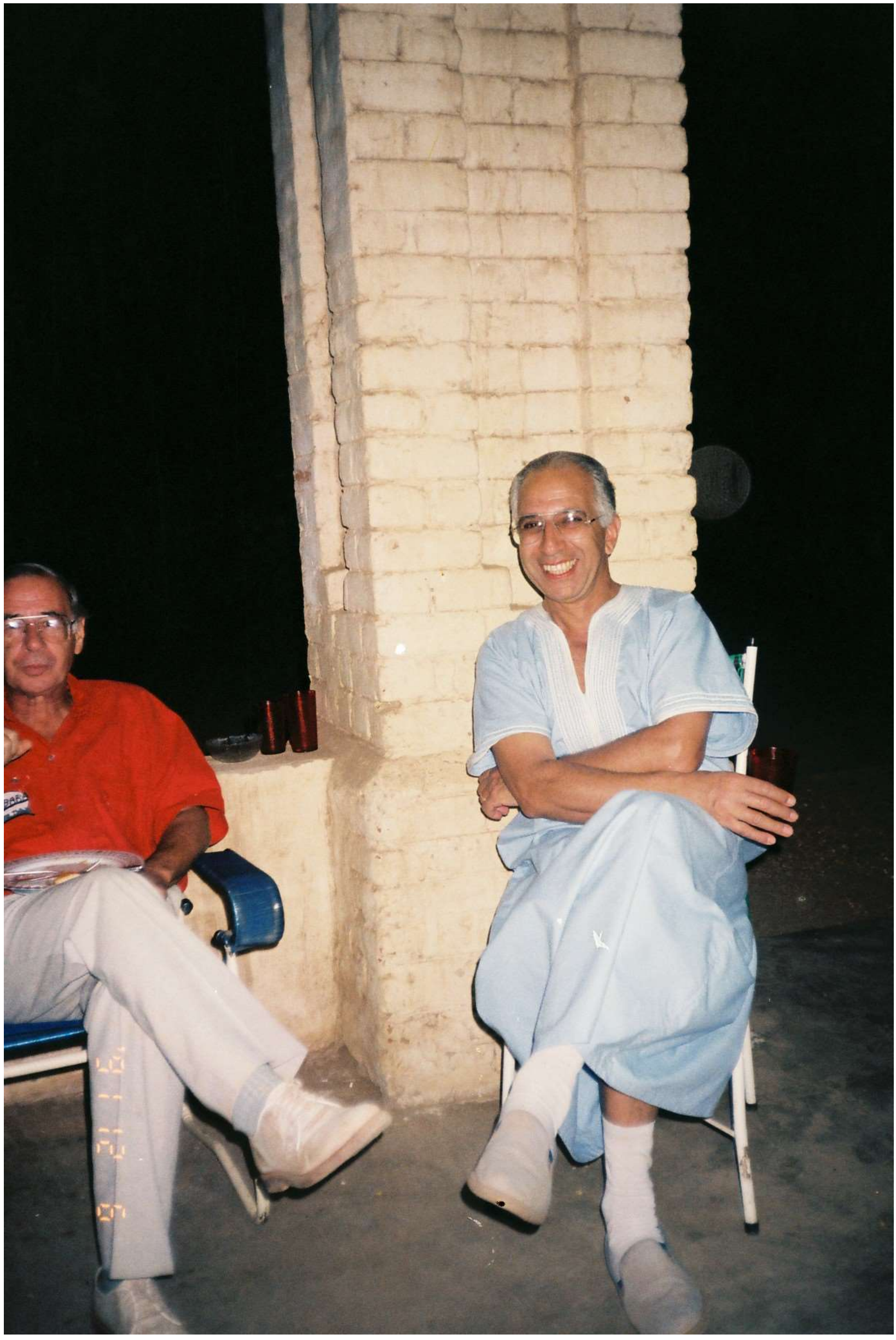
MYSELF WITH , ZEB

MAQSOOD



TAT CLUB
ANOTHER DAY



THE WORLD BANK

WORLD BANK MISSION VISITS

THE PROJECT

WORLD BANK MISSION

Review of the project by the World Missions was the part of Project Implementation and Review that how the Project was going on.

This time also Members of the World Bank Mission visited Sudan to review the projects. An exhaustive meeting was arranged accordingly. The Members very critically reviewed the performance of each individual member of the team and gave further guidelines.

In one of the evening a party was thrown in honour of the World Bank Mission in the Social Hall which was enjoyed by the Mission as well as all the associates of the team as well as the Sudan Railway Officers. Our spouses also attended the party in very cordial way.

The photographs taken produced below.

HEAD OF THE PROJECT WITH THE HEAD OF THE MISSION

Sudan Railways Senior Officers with Mission Members

Head of the Mission with the members of the team and their spouses

Veera, Murray Horn, Myself, Ed Jackson, Sudan Railway Officer, Farzana (My Wife), Head of the Mission, Sharon, Word Bank Member and Mr. Six

Farzana My Wife, with Head of the World Bank Mission

FARZANA AHMAD KHAN, MY WIFE,
WITH HEAD OF THE WORLD BANK MISSION

HEAD OF THE WORLD BANK MISSION IN CONVERSATION WITH FARZANA KHAN (MY WIFE)

Mr. Murray Horn, Head of the Project

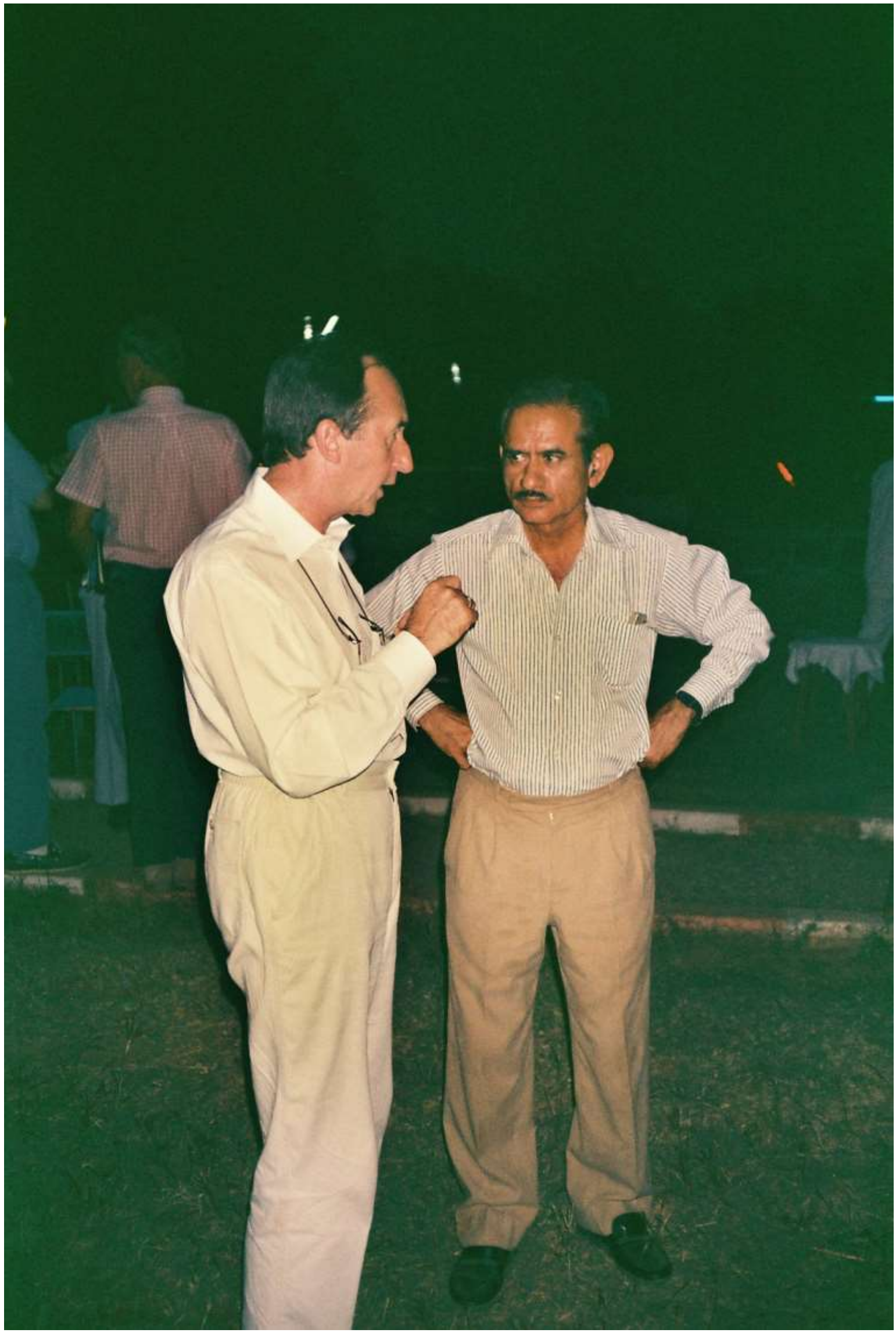
Head of the World Bank Mission Addressing the Participants

Head of the World Bank Mission Addressing the Participants

HEAD OF THE WORLD BANK MISSION ADDRESSING THE PARTICIPANTS

PARTICIPANTS LISTENING

JOHN TAIT AND MR. NAQI



MEMBER WORLD BANK DELEGATION AND OTHER TAT MEMBERS

VEERA, MR. NAQI, MURRAY HORN, FARZANA KHAN, WORLD BANK MISSION MEMBERAND MR. SIX

VEERA, MR. NAQI, MURRAY HORN, MYSELF MAQSOOD, FARZANA KHAN AND MR. SIX

MR. NAQI, FARZANAAN, VEERA, MR. BORSA, MADAME BORSA AND OTHERS LISTENING TO THE SPEECH OF HEAD WORLD BANK MISSION

CHIEF OF ACCOUNTS AND OTHER OFFICERS OF SUDAN RAILWAY

MR. CHARLIE AND MR. EUGENE FEITELER

PICNICS

TAT TEAM ENJOYS

PICNIC AT DARMALI

PICNIC AT DARMALI

Darmali is a small town in the North of Atbara at the bank of the River Nile with green fields; a very beautiful spot for a picnic. The Team Management arranged and one day we left for the place we enjoyed a lot as the pictures show.

GETTING READY TO LEAVE

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ENJOYING THE PICNIC

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ME AND MY WIFE IN THE GREEN FIELDS ALONG THE RIVER NILE

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MAHEESA AND FARZANA KHAN
ALONG THE RIVER NILE

I AM RELAXING ON THE COT WITH A SUDANEE

ENJOYING THE PICNIC

GREEN FIELDS ALONG THE NILE

ME, FARZANA KHAN AND JEHANZEB

AMEEN MERIE, RAZAQ, MURRAY HORN, NAJI, LA PORTE, MYSELF, MAQSOOD

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ENJOYING THE PICNIC

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FATIMA WIFE OF OMER ABUR RAZAIQ

ENJOYING THE PICNIC

HELEN PLAYING WITH THE CHILDREN

ENJOYING THE PICNIC
HELEN PLAYING WITH THE CHILDREN

FAEZANA KHAN AND MAHEESA IN THE GREEN FIELDS ALONG THE NILE

TAT TEAM PICNIC

AT

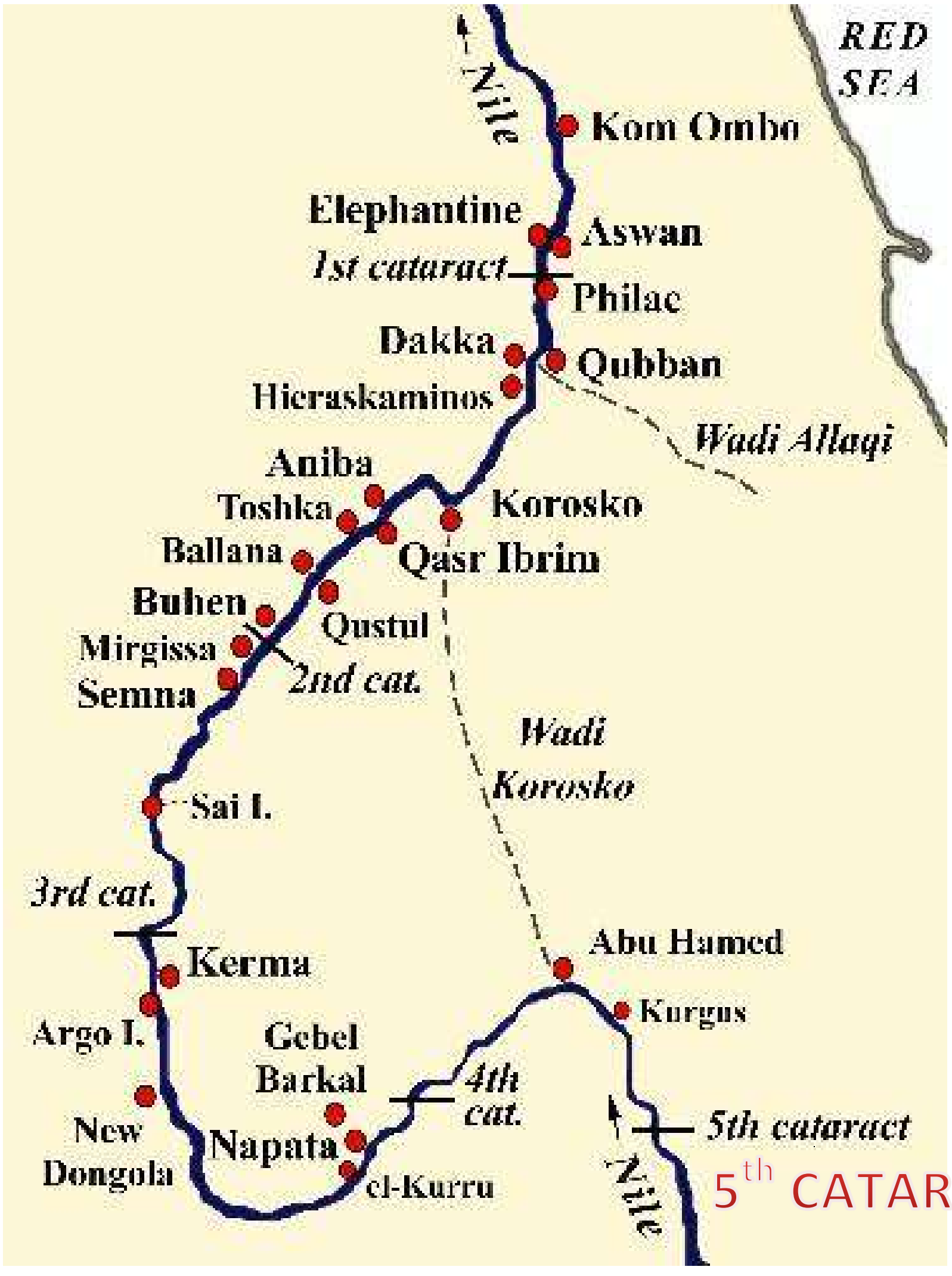
5th CATARACT OF THE NILE

TAT TEAM –
PICNIC AT 5th CATARACT

The Cataracts of the Nile are shallow lengths of the Nile River, between Khartoum and Aswan, where the surface of the water is broken by many small boulders and stones jutting out of the river bed, as well as many rocky islets.

The 5th Cataract is located north of the Atbara City. The place was beautiful and green at the bank of Nile.

5th CATARACT OF THE NILE



SUDANESE FRIENDS, FARZANA KHAN, ZEB MAHEESA AND UGENE

VEERA ENJOYING THE VASTNESS OF THE NILE

VEERA ENJOYING THE VASTNESS OF THE NILE

IN A HAPPY MOOD IN THE MID OF THE RIVER NLE

I AM IN THE RIVER NILE

MURRAY HORN IN THE MID OF THE RIVER NILE

ON WAY TO THE DESTINATION - CATARACT 5 OF THE NILE

I, ON WAY TO THE DESTINATION CATARACT 5

LEAVING FOR THE PICNIC

A FARTHER VIEW – THE TEAM ENJOYING ON THE NILE

TEAM MEMBERS ENJOYING ON THE BANK OF THE RIVER

TEAM MEMBERS AND CHILDREN ENJOYING ON THE RIVER

FARZANA KHAN AND ZEB IN THE RELAXING MOOD ON THE BANK OF THE NILE

TEAM MEMBERS ENJOYING ON THE BANK OF THE RIVER

IN A RELAXING MOOD TAKING A CUP OF TEA ON THE BANK OF THE NILE

FARZANA KHAN AND ZEB

MOHSIN AND ZEB ON THE BANK OF RIVER NILE

MY FAMILY, MAHEESA AND EUGENE

MY FAMILY AND MAHEESA AND EUGENE

MAHEESA AND ME WITH MY SONS

SOCIALIZATION

IN

SUDAN

SOCIALIZATION
IN
SUDAN

When we came to Atbara, there were two social segments for us to socialize and develop inter- personal relation. First, of course, was the TAT Community i.e. the members of the Team; and the other was the rest of the society in the town, which was to some extent was our choice. Here we did not hesitate to be interactive with the local community; and soon we were almost the part of them. They were very nice people to interact with and be in relation. However, the limits and red lines were to be drawn, which we could do successfully.

We led a very friendly atmosphere in the town with my Sudanese colleagues and other people in the town particular and in Sudan in general. People in Sudan were generally friendly and cooperative and helpful. We fully enjoyed this for almost three years and still we miss most of them.

A pictorial exhibition would suffix our experience

MY WIFE WITH A NEWLY WEDDED SUDANESE LADY

MY SON JEHANZEB IS IN FRONT OF HIS MOTHER

VISITING FRIENDS

ATBARA - SUDAN

1993-6-6
IN A FRIEND'S HOUSE

1993-6-6
MRS SUAAD – DR ABBAS'S WIFE IN OUR HOUSE
ATBARA – SUDAN

1993-5-28
SUDANESE FRIENDS AT OUR PACE
ATBARA - SUDAN

MR. EMIL, HIS WIFE EVA
AND
THEIR DAUGHTER AT OUR PACE

1993-5-24
MR. EMIL OF SUDAN RAILWAYS; OUR FRIEND IN HIS HOUSE – ATBARA – SUDAN

Mr. Emil was another friend who was very active and social in the town. His wife too was a very active lady and popular amongst the people in the town and the TAT families. We enjoyed their company to the best. Our children were very much friendly with their children.

6-6-1993

MR. EMIL, HIS WIFE EVA AND THEIR DAUGHTER AT OUR PACE

ATBARA - SUDAN

AND EVA AT OUR PACE
ATBARA – SUDAN

MR. EMI, HIS WIFE EVA AND THEIR DAUGHTER AT OUR PACE
ATBARA - SUDAN

MR. EMI, HIS WIFE EVA AND THEIR DAUGHTER AT OUR PACE
ATBARA - SUDAN

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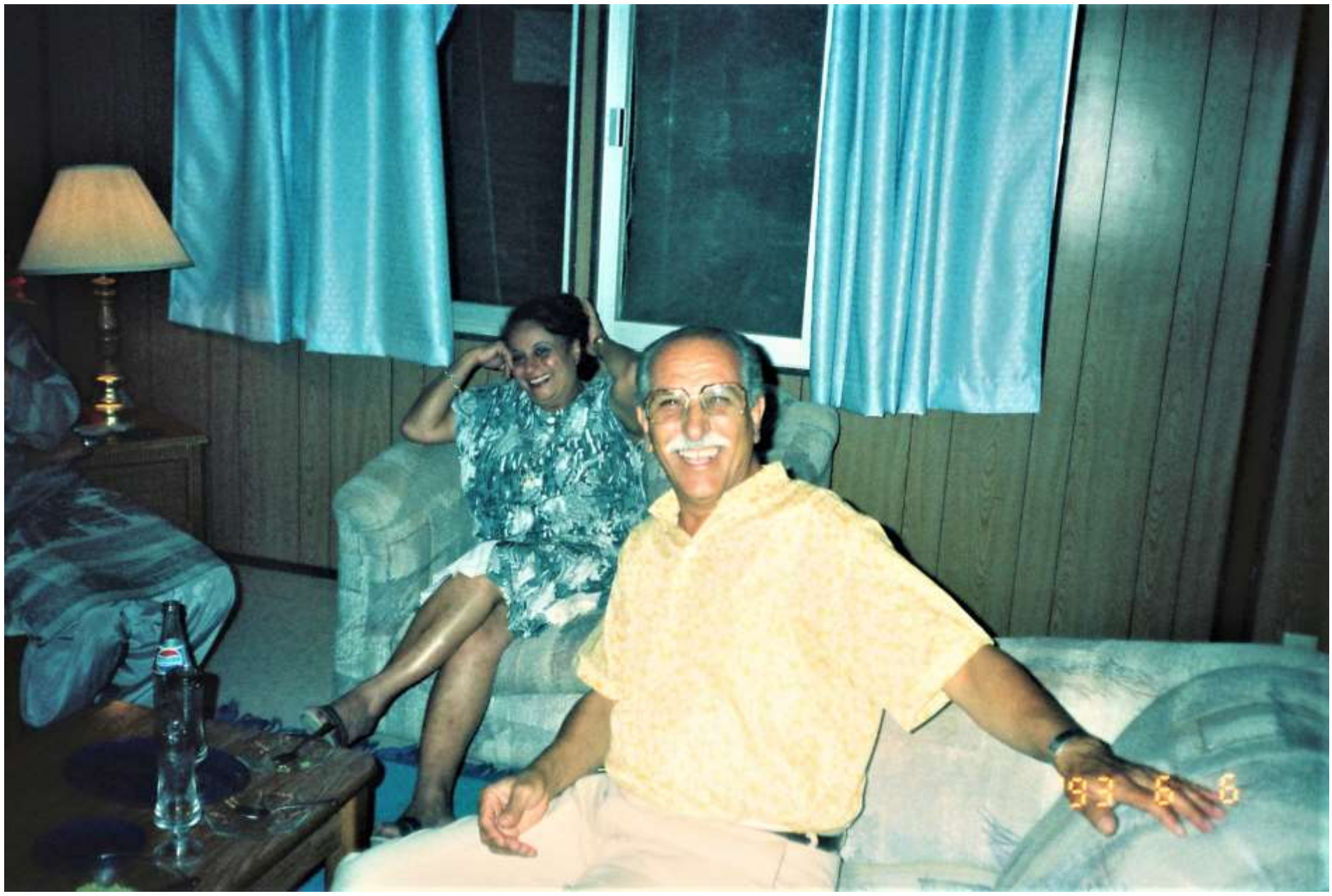
ZEB PLAYING WITH EVA'S DAUGHTER AT OUR PACE ATBARA - SUDAN

MR. EMI, HIS WIFE EVA AND THEIR DAUGHTER AT OUR PACE
ATBARA - SUDAN



1993-6-18
ME AND ZEB WITH MR EMIL'S FAMILY
ATBARA - SUDAN

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ME AND ZEB WITH MR EMIL'S FAMILY

ATBARA - SUDAN

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ME AND ZEB WITH MR EMIL'S FAMILY

ATBARA - SUDAN

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EVA SHAKING HANDS WITH ATBARA – SUDAN

1993-6-18

ME, , AND ZEB WITH AWAD AND OUR GARDENER

ATBARA - SUDAN

VISITING FRIENDS IN THE TOWN

ATBARA - SUDAN

MUHAMMAD MAHMOOD AHMAD

AND

HIS FAMILY

MUHAMMAD MAHMOOD AHMAD

Muhammad Mahmood Ahmad was the chief of the Traffic Department of Sudan Railways Corporation, the department I was attached to.

Mr. Mahmood was a very nice person and hardworking officer. He took lot of care of me and used to help in the local matters.

He was very friendly and we had become almost the members of his family.

We often used to visit his family and enjoyed their company.

A few photographs are placed at the following pages.

Muhammad Mahmood Ahmad

ENJOYING THE COMPANY OF THE FAMILY OF

MR. MUHAMMAD MAHMOOD AHMAD

MR. AHMAIDI, AN OFFICER OF SUDAN RAILWAYS AND MAHMOOD'S BROTHER

AHMHAD ZOROQ, OF SUDAN RAILWAYS

FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

MY SON ZEB ENJOYING THE PARTY

WOMEN PORTION

WOMEN PORTION

FARZANA AHMAD, MY WIFE IN THE COMPANY OF MAHMOOD'S FAMILY - HINA

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IN THE COMPANY OF MAHMOOD'S FAMILY

VISITING ANOTHER FAMILY

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INTERACTING WITH FRIENDS

IN THE TOWN

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My Wife, Farzana Khan, with our Sudanese Friends

My Wife, Farzana Khan, with our Sudanese Friends

My Wife Farzana Ahmad Khan Ready Socializing in the town

ATTENDING A MARRIAGE CEREMONY

IN

ATBARA - SUDAN

MARRIAGES IN SUDAN

While in Sudan, I hardly missed any social activity or obligatory social interaction. Marriages were organised either in a very simple way or little bit with pomp n show. We attended the both. Two of the marriages were glamorous to some extent, which we attended and took some photographs. The photographs taken have been placed below.

MARRIAGE PARTY GOING ON

MARRIAGE PARTY GOING ON

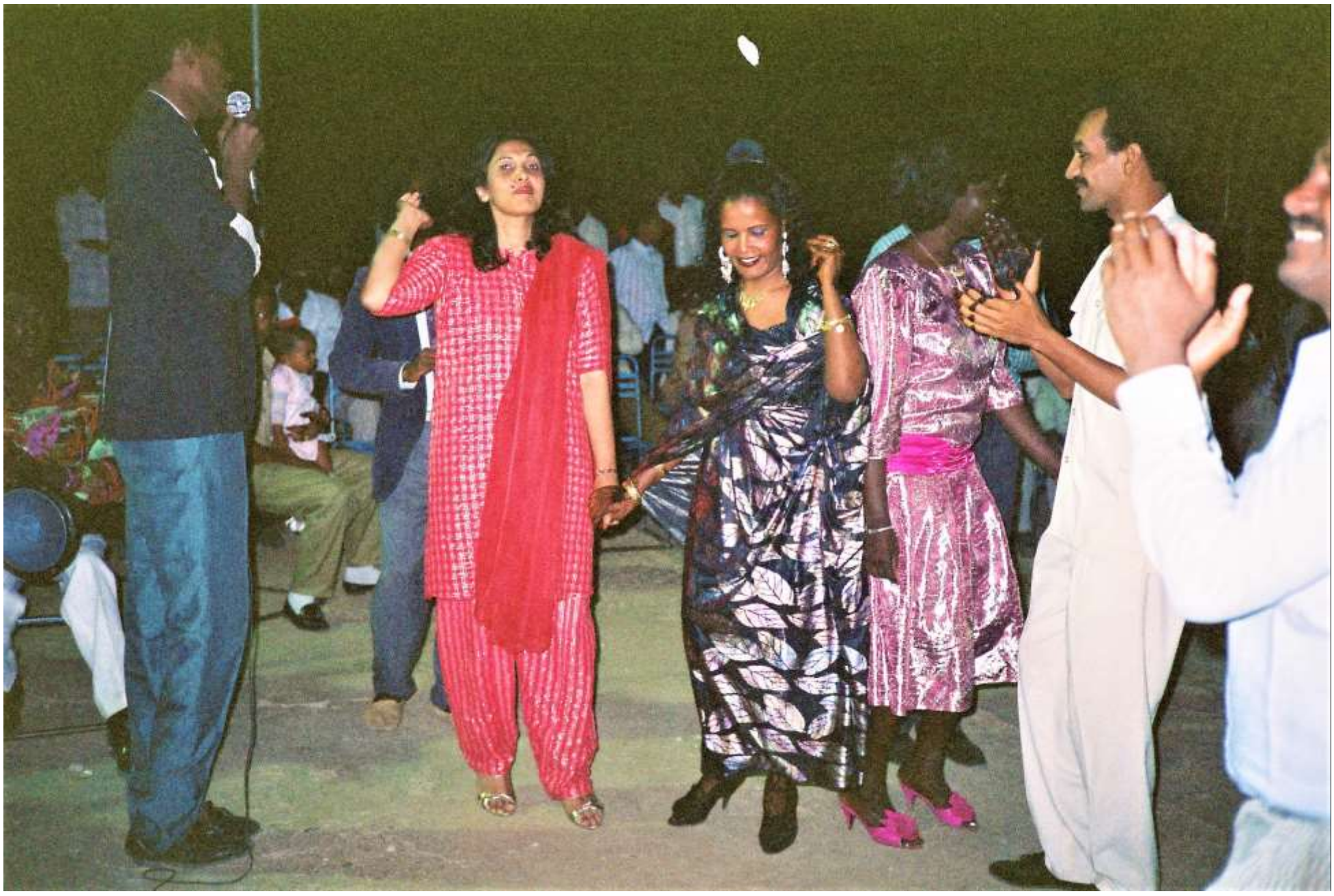
ZEB, MY SON, ENJOYING THE PARTY IN HIS STYLE

ME, FARZANA AHMAD AND ZEB WITH OUR FRIENDS

MUSIC

DANCING

FARZANA KHAN ALSO ENJOYING DANCING



DANCING

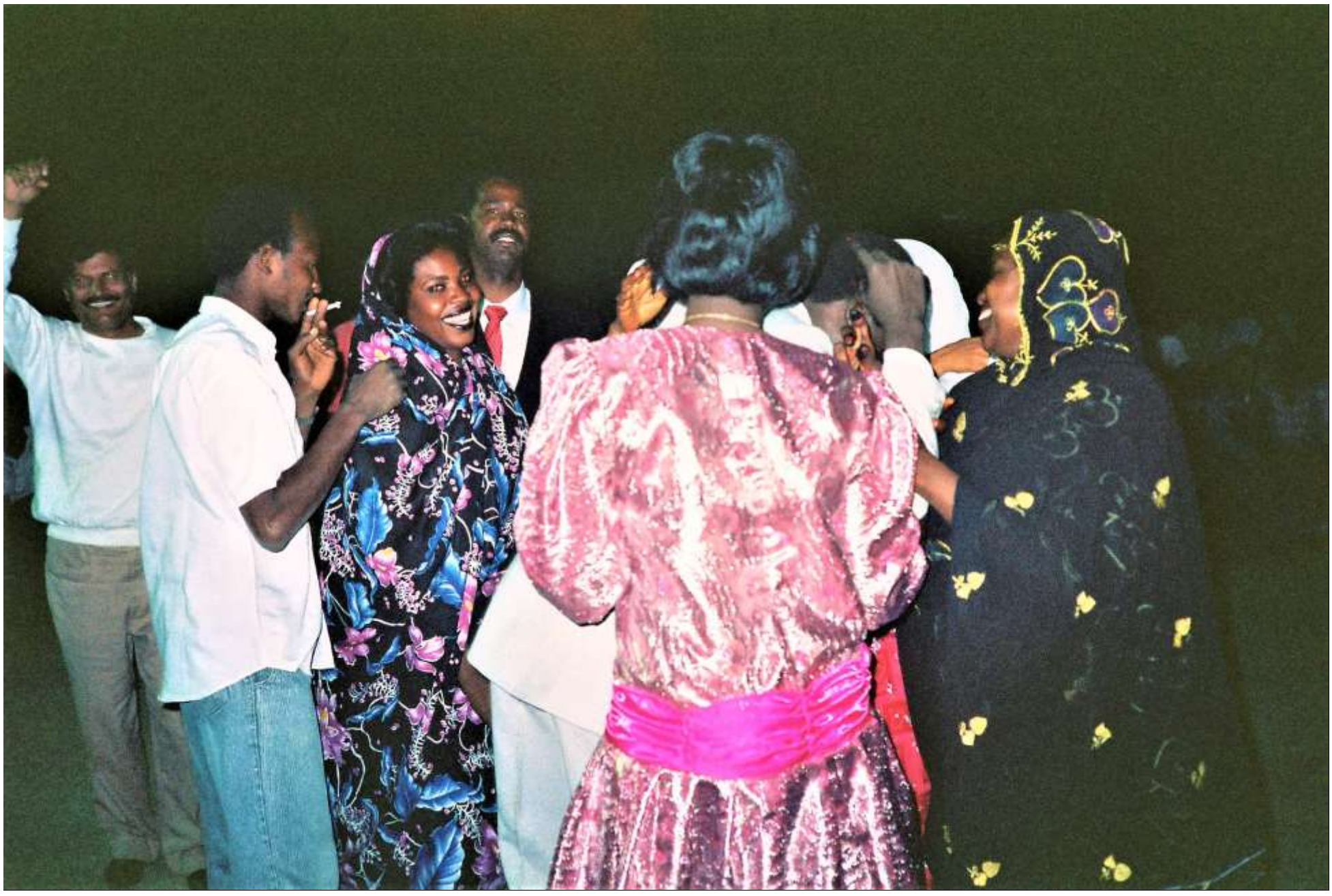
DANCING

ZEB ENJOYING THE DANCE PARTY IN HIS OWN STYLE

WE CONVERSING IN THE PARTY

ZEB DANCING

DANCING



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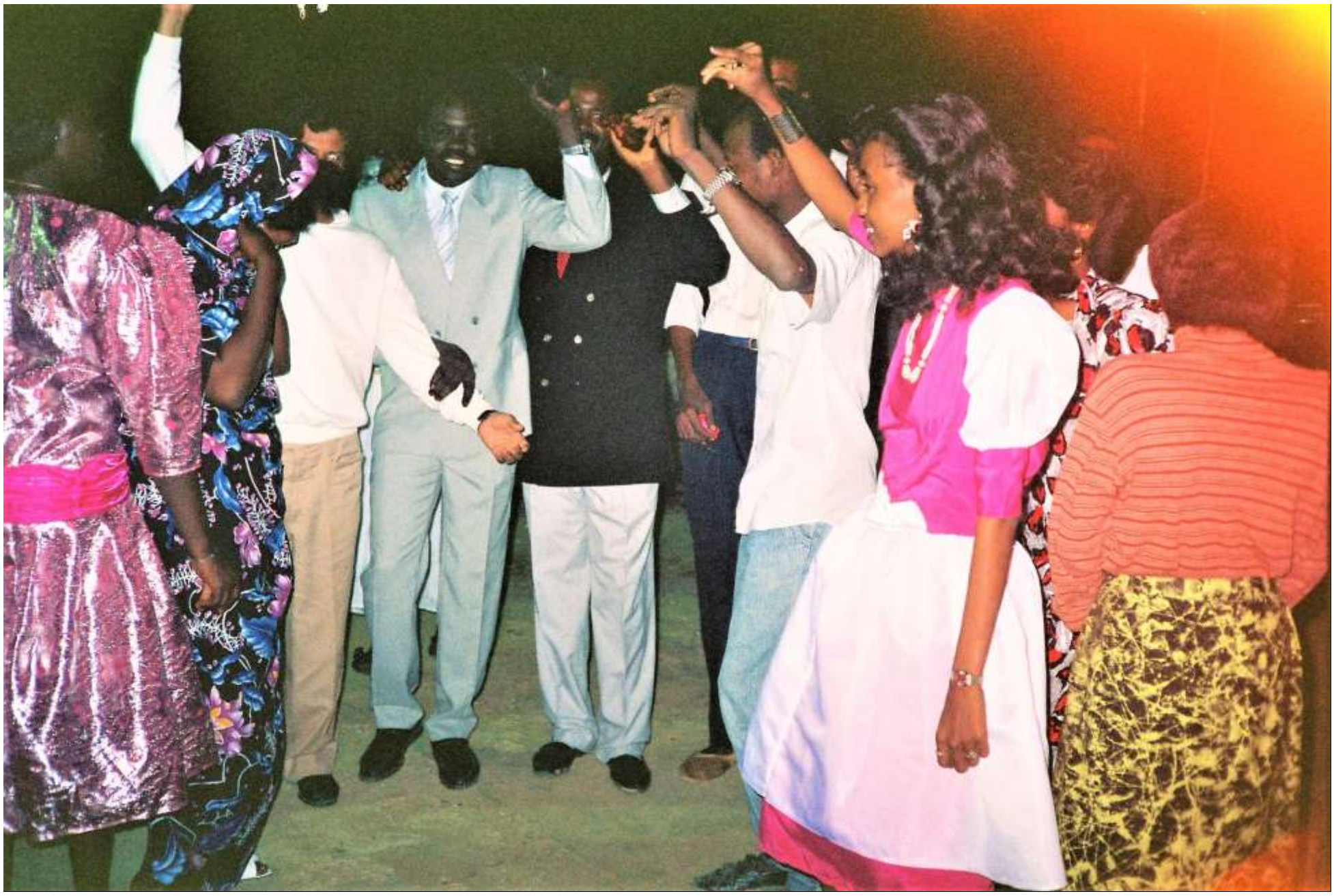
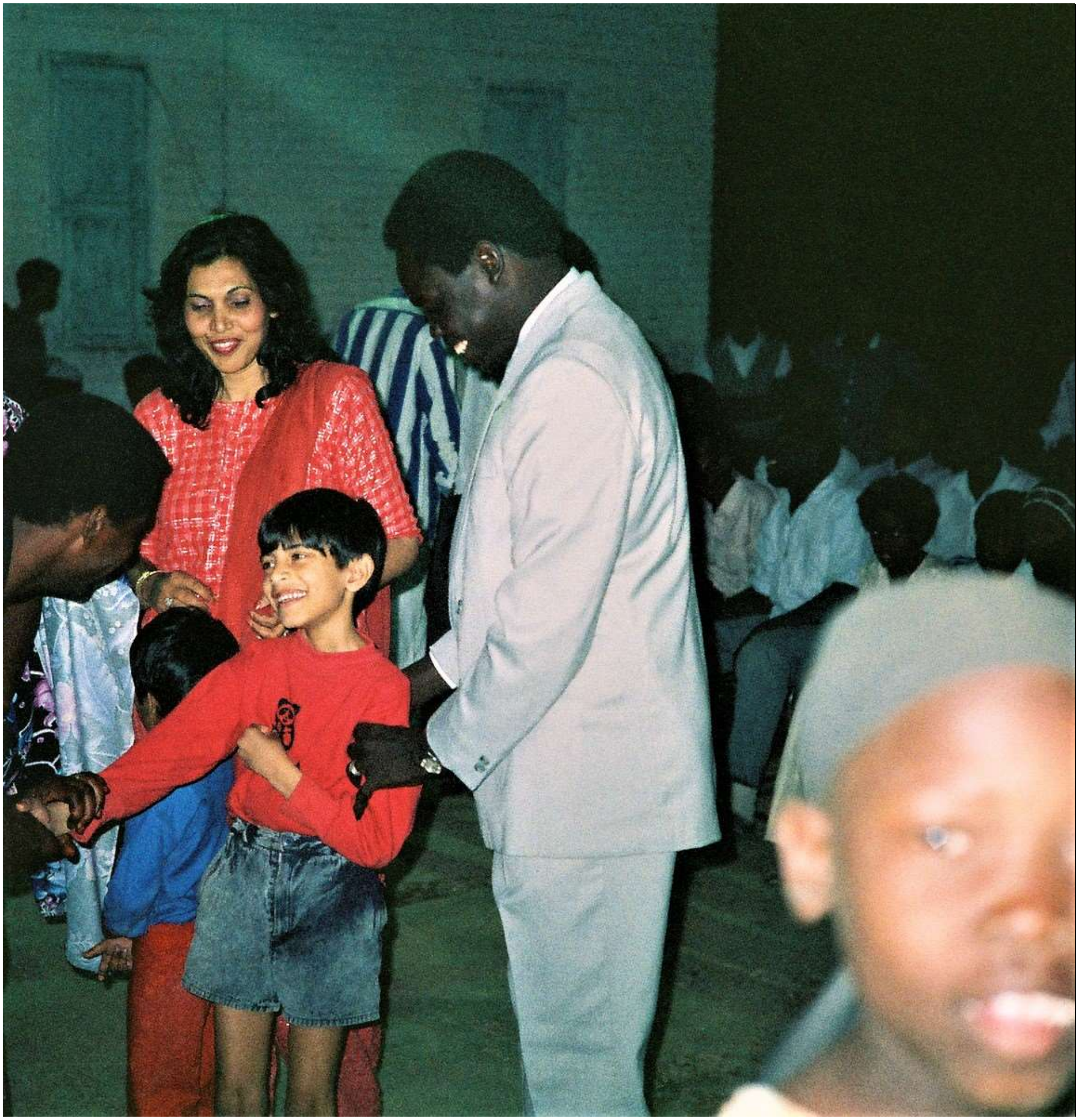


ME TOO - DANCING

ME TOO - DANCING

MOHSIN IN ACTION



SUDANESE OFFICE FRIENDS

VISIT US

16-6-1993

MY OFFICE STAFF VISIT US

ATBARA - SUDAN

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MY OFFICE STAFF VISIT US - ATBARA - SUDAN

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ATBARA - SUDAN

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MY OFFICE STAFF VISITING OUR HOUSE
ATBARA - SUDAN

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MY OFFICE STAFF VISITING OUR HOUSE
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MY OFFICE STAFF VISITING OUR HOUSE
ATBARA - SUDAN

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TAT FRIENDS VISIT US

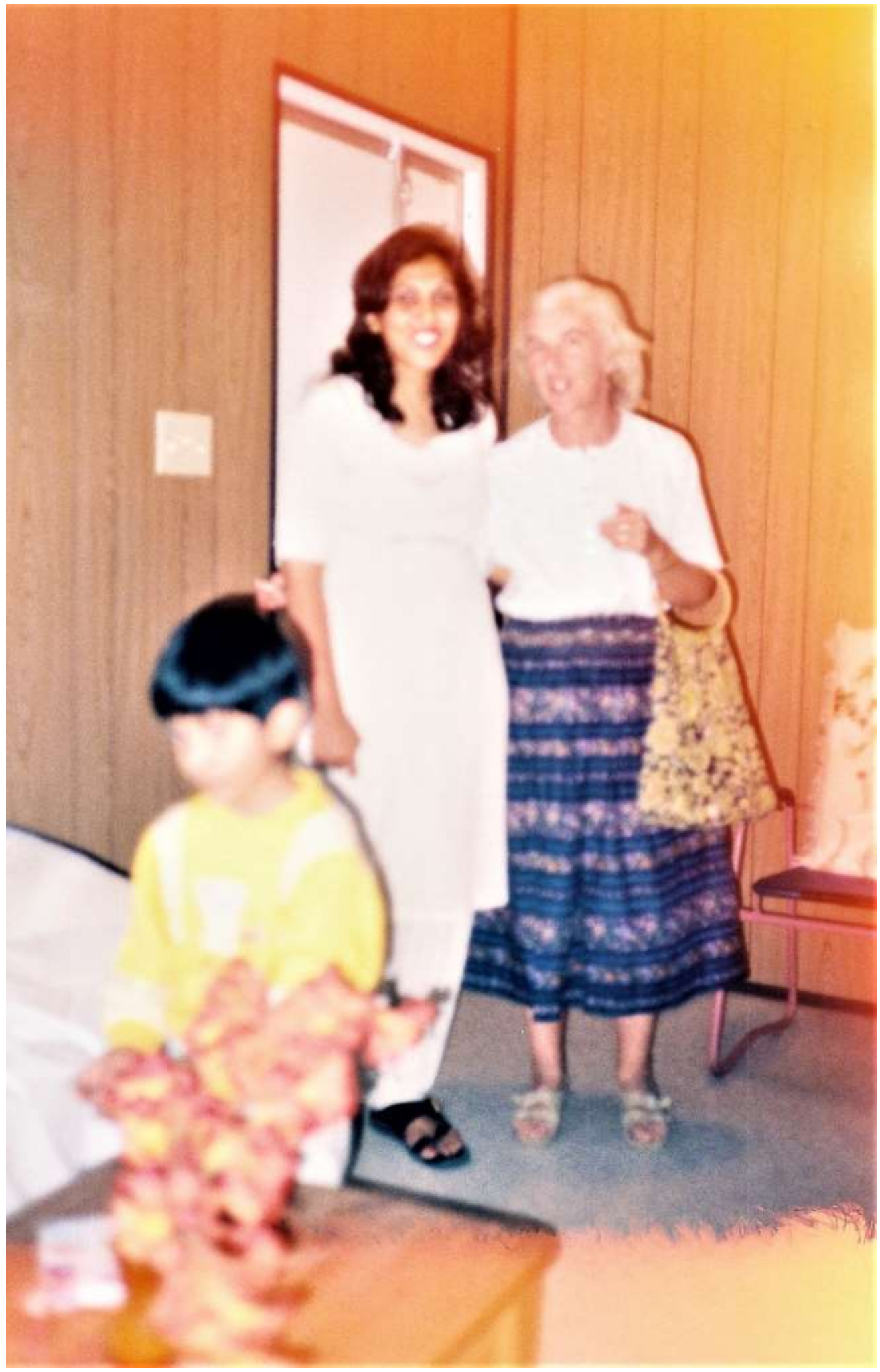
ATBARA SUDAN

HELEN, VEERA, BORSA AND HIS FRIEND
AT OUR HOUSE
ATBARA – SUDAN

FARZANA, VEERA, MAHEESA AND ZEB AT OUR HOUSE

VEERA, ZEB AND FARZANA AHMAD

ZEB, FARZANA KHAN AND VEERA



MR. HAMMADA, MY COLEAGUE, INTERACTING WITH MOEEN AND JEHANZEB

OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

IN THE SUDAN

SHEIKH USMAN

OF

BERBER - SUDAN

SHEIKH USMAN

BERBER - SUDAN

Berber is a town on the Bank of River Nile, 50 kilometres away in the North of Atbara.

I used to visit this town, alone or with friends. In this town I had also gone to visit the famous Sheikh Usman. Once I took the members of my family and visited the Zoo there. I used to enjoy these visits as diversion andI took some photographs of places in the town.

I also participated in the famous Dervish Dance.

WITH SHEIKH USMAN

WITH SHEIKH USMAN

WITH SHEIKH USMAN

A DERVISH

DERAVISH DANCE

VISIT

BERBER - SUDAN

WITH FAMILY

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FRIDAY PRAYER

ATBARA - SUDAN

OFFERING JUMMA PRAYER

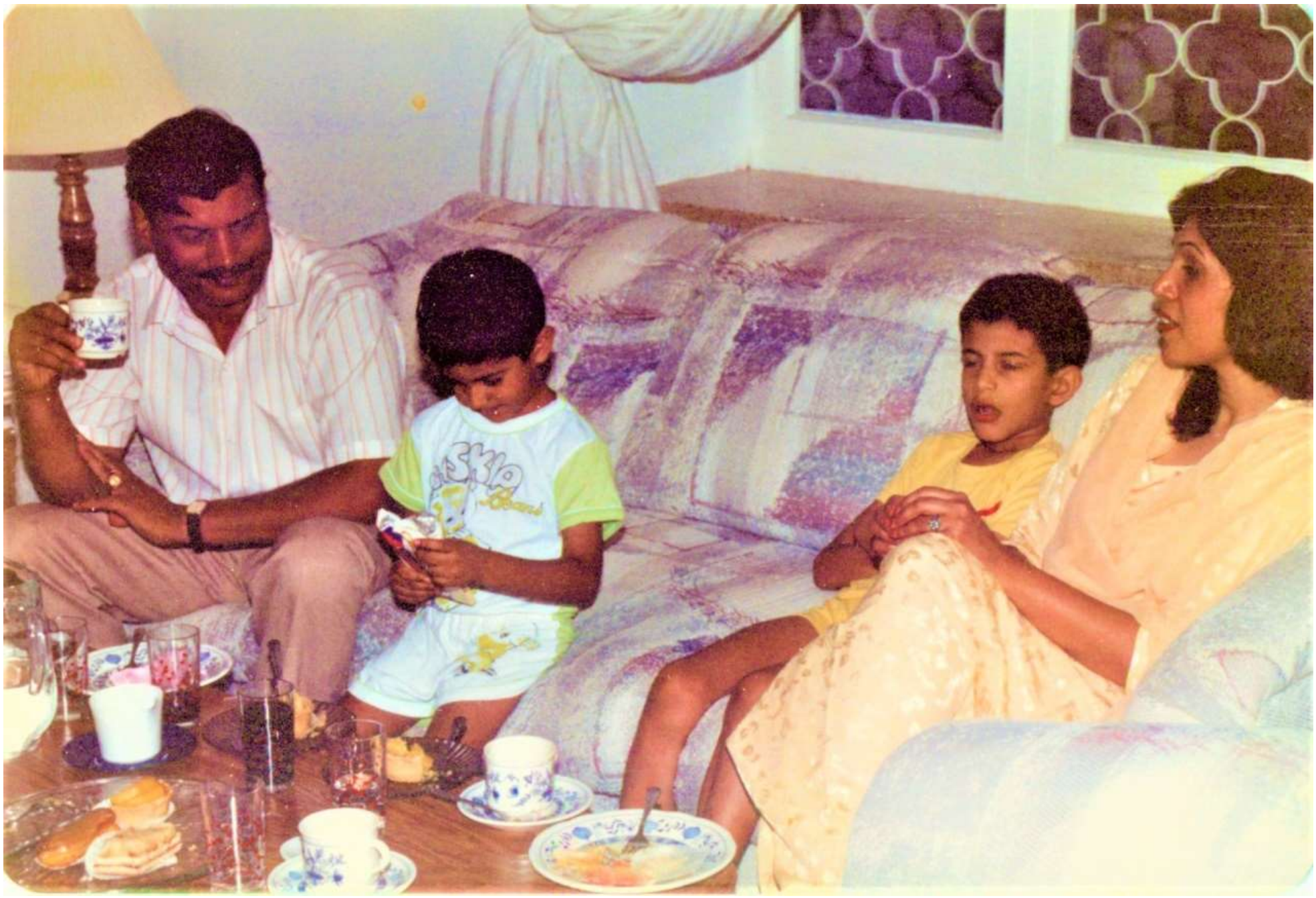
AFTER OFFERING FRIDAY PRAYERS IN THE MOSQUE IN THE BACKGROUND

LEAVING FOR FRIDAY PRAYER

AFTER OFFERING FRIDAY PRAYERS IN THE MOSQUE IN THE BACKGROUND

READY FOR FRIDAY PRAYER

ME AND MY COLLEAGUE MR. NAQI ENJOYING OUR MEAL



INTERACTION WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES

ATBARA SUDAN

In Sudan there many communities living according their own practices and belief.

Same was the position of Atbara. We have a friendly relation with almost all of them; and intermingled and participated their functions and festivities.

Here we are with section of the people another community

With our Coptic Friends in the Church

NAJI'S MARRIAGE

4-11-1991

NAJI'S MARRIAGE

4-11-1991

Naji was a young man belonging to the Takla family of the town. He was quite popular in the community. He was pleasant, friendly, and socially amiable even with the TAT Team.

He was wedded in his own family on 4th November 1991.

We attended the ceremony in the church and dined the Coptic Club.

This was quite enjoyable. A large number of people from the town attended the ceremony including the TAT members.

Photographs of the function were taken and paced on the following pages

BRIDE

OVERVIEW

BRIDE

BRIDE AND BRIDE GROOM

BRIDE SURROUNDED BY YOUNG GIRLS

CHOIR

GUESTS I ATTENDANCE

GUESTS I ATTENDANCE

GUESTS I ATTENDANCE

GUESTS I ATTENDANCE

GUESTS I ATTENDANCE

JACOB IS PROMINENT

WEDDING CEREMONY

WEDDING CEREMONY

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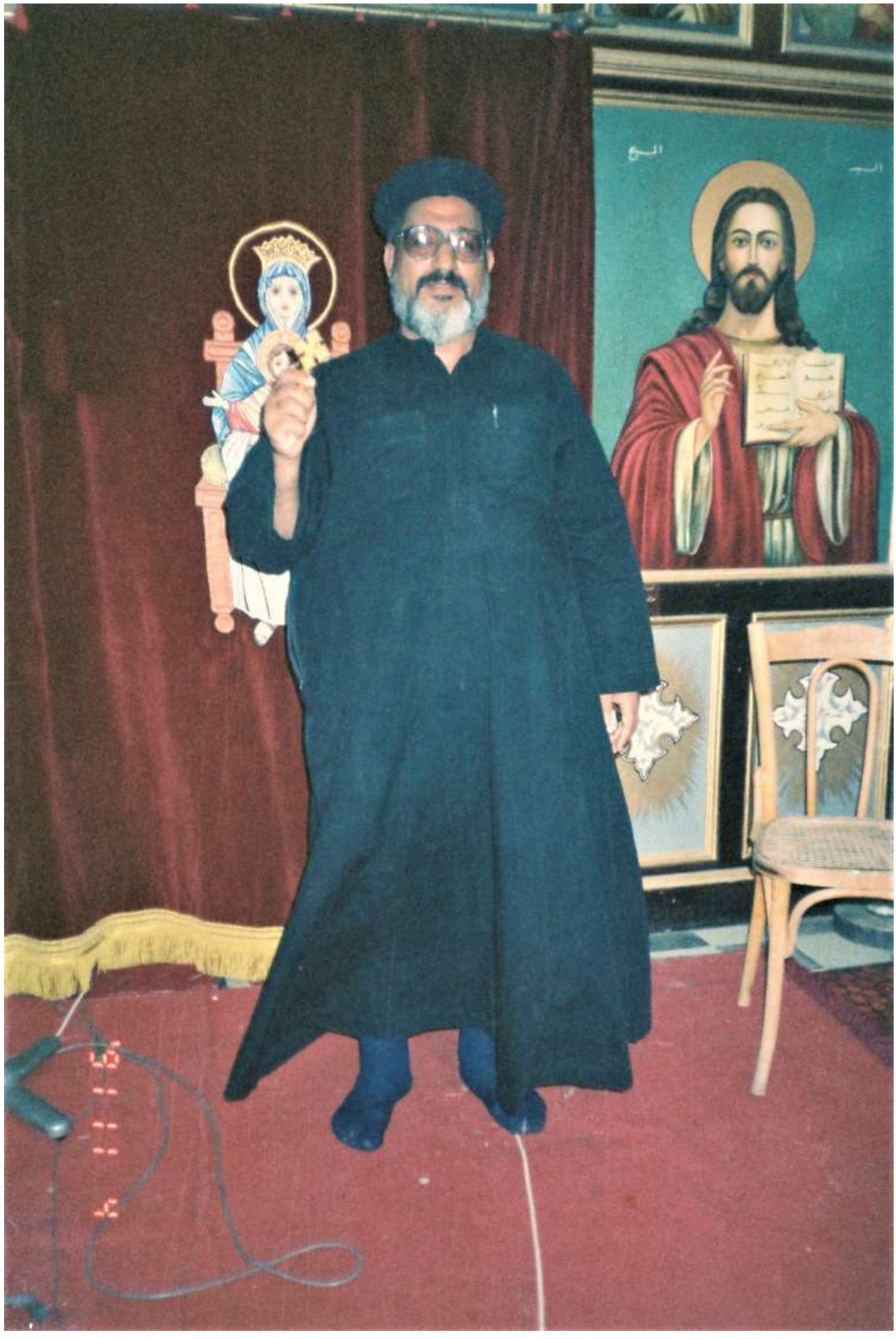
WEDDING CEREMONY

PAPA



I, WITH PAPA

OVERVIEW OF THE MARRIAGE CEREMONY

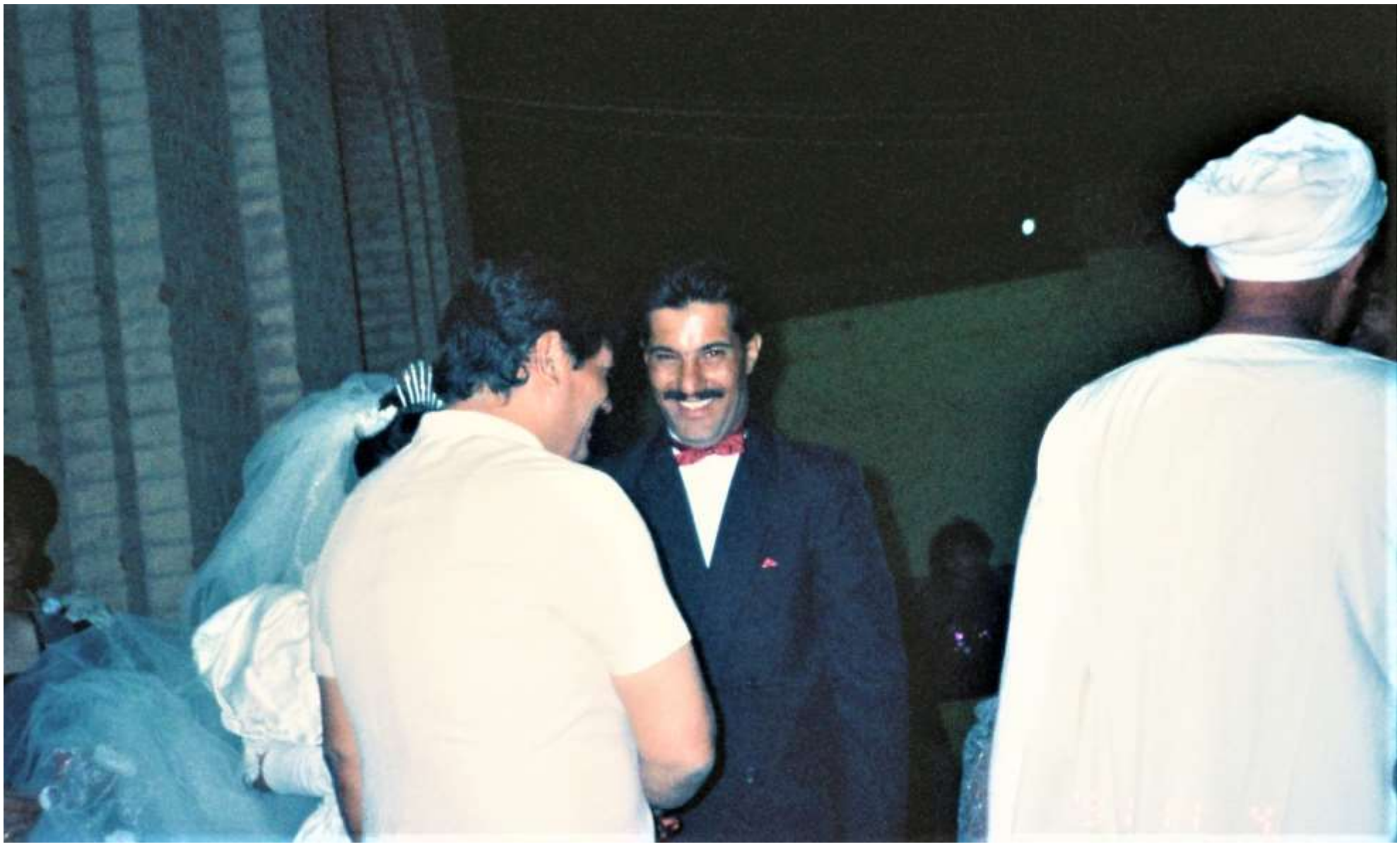
GUESTS

RELATIVES

EMBRACING THE BRIDEGROOM

BRIDE SURROUNDED B HER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

SHAKING HANDS WITH NAJI AND CONGRATULATING



STANDING BY THE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM

IBRAHIM SANTINA IS PROMINENT

PAPA WITH MEMBERS OF HIS OWN FAMILY

BRIDE AND BRIDE GROOM

BRIDE AND BRIDE GROOM – TO THE FLOOR

SOME GUESTS – BORSA IS PROMINENT

ON THE FLOOR

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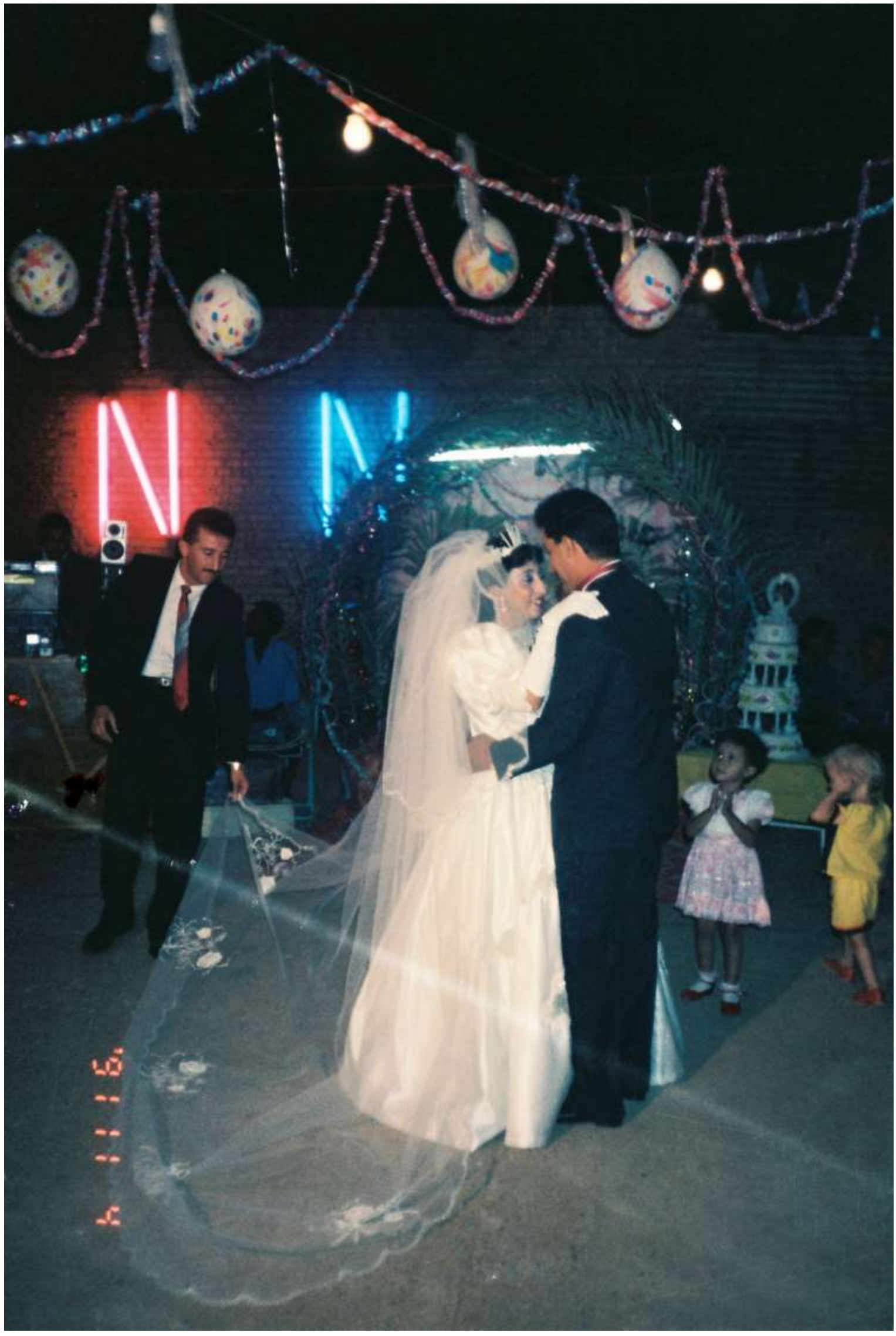

CHILDREN'S FRIENDS

CHILDREN'S FRIENDS

During our stay in Sudan, most of the time, my family was with me at Atbara.

We had developed friendly relations with the local Sundaes and used to visit one another at their places.

We were always guests at their paces on all the festivities like Eid, Ramadhan, and Christmas

We spent very good time there.

Same was true with our children. They too were friends amongst themselves and passed their time well.

CHILDREN TOGETHER

CHILDREN TOGETHER

MOHSIN, MOEEN AND EMIL

EMLIL, KIRAN AND EVA

EIHAB MOEEN'S FRIEND
MR EMIL;S SON

EIHAB WITH MOEEN

CHILDREN TOGETHER

CHILDREN TOGETHER

CHILDREN TOGETHER

MOEEN EIHAB AND THEIR FRIENDS

KIRAN, MY DAUGHTERAND HER FRIEND

KIRAN, M DAUGHTER AND KAROLINE

KIRAN, M DAUGHTER AND KAROLINE

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ACTIVITIES

AT

SUDAN RAILWAYS CORPORATION

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SUDAN RAILWAYS

CENTRAL CONTROL OFFICE (CCO)

IN MY OFFICE WITH NAFEESA

OFFICE

AT BARA

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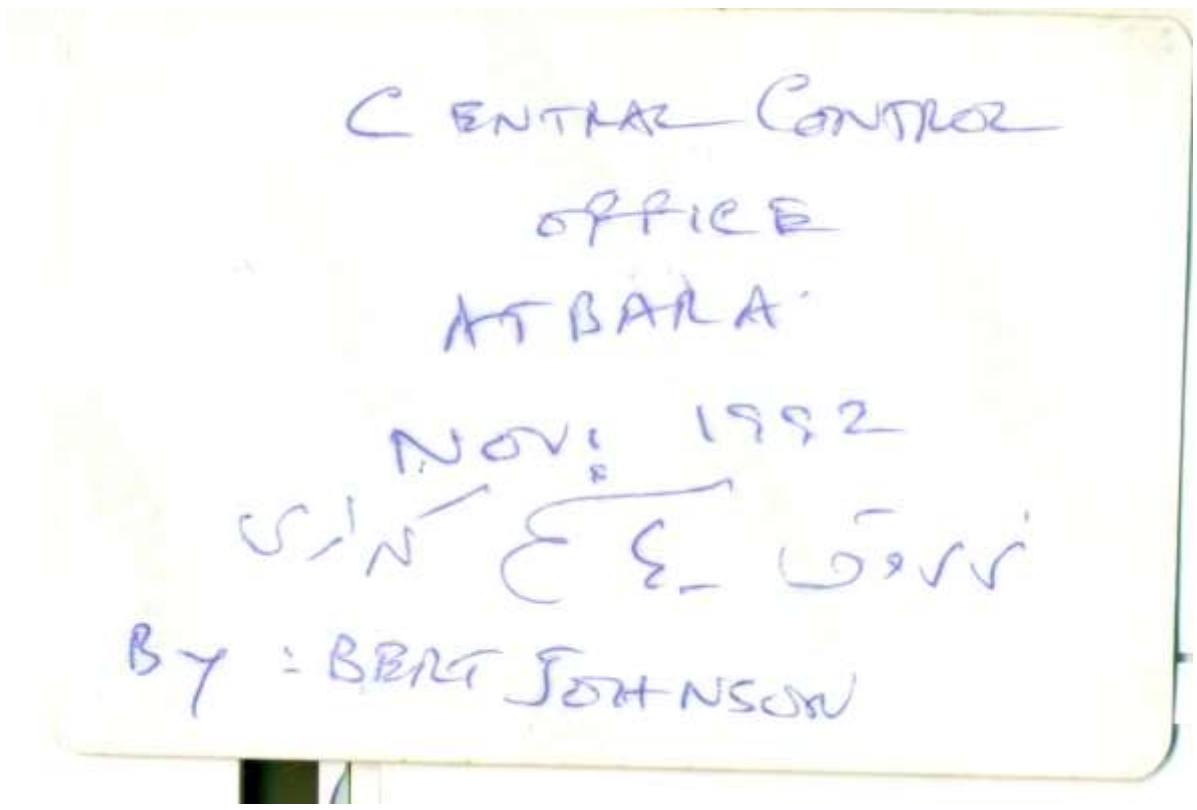

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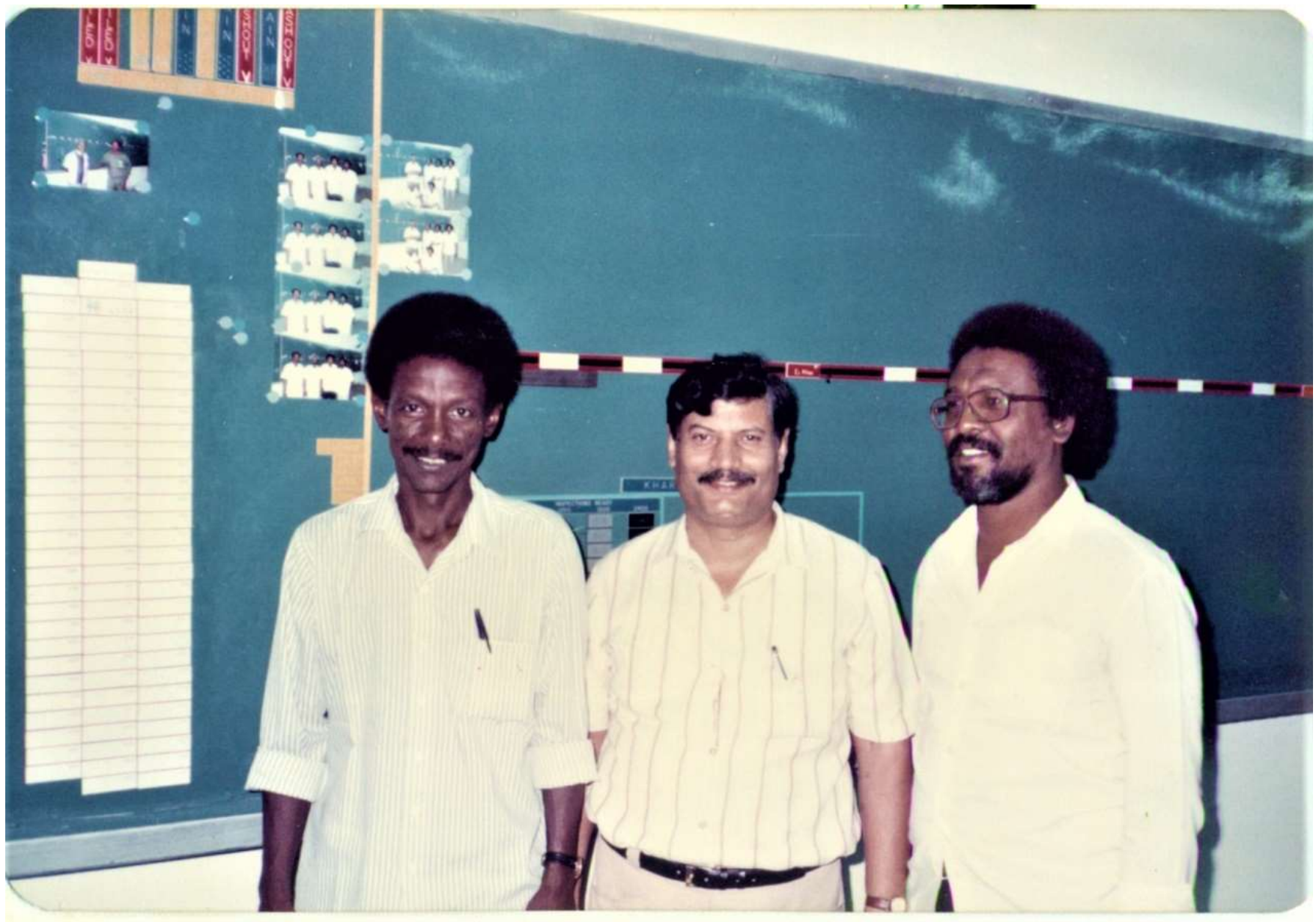

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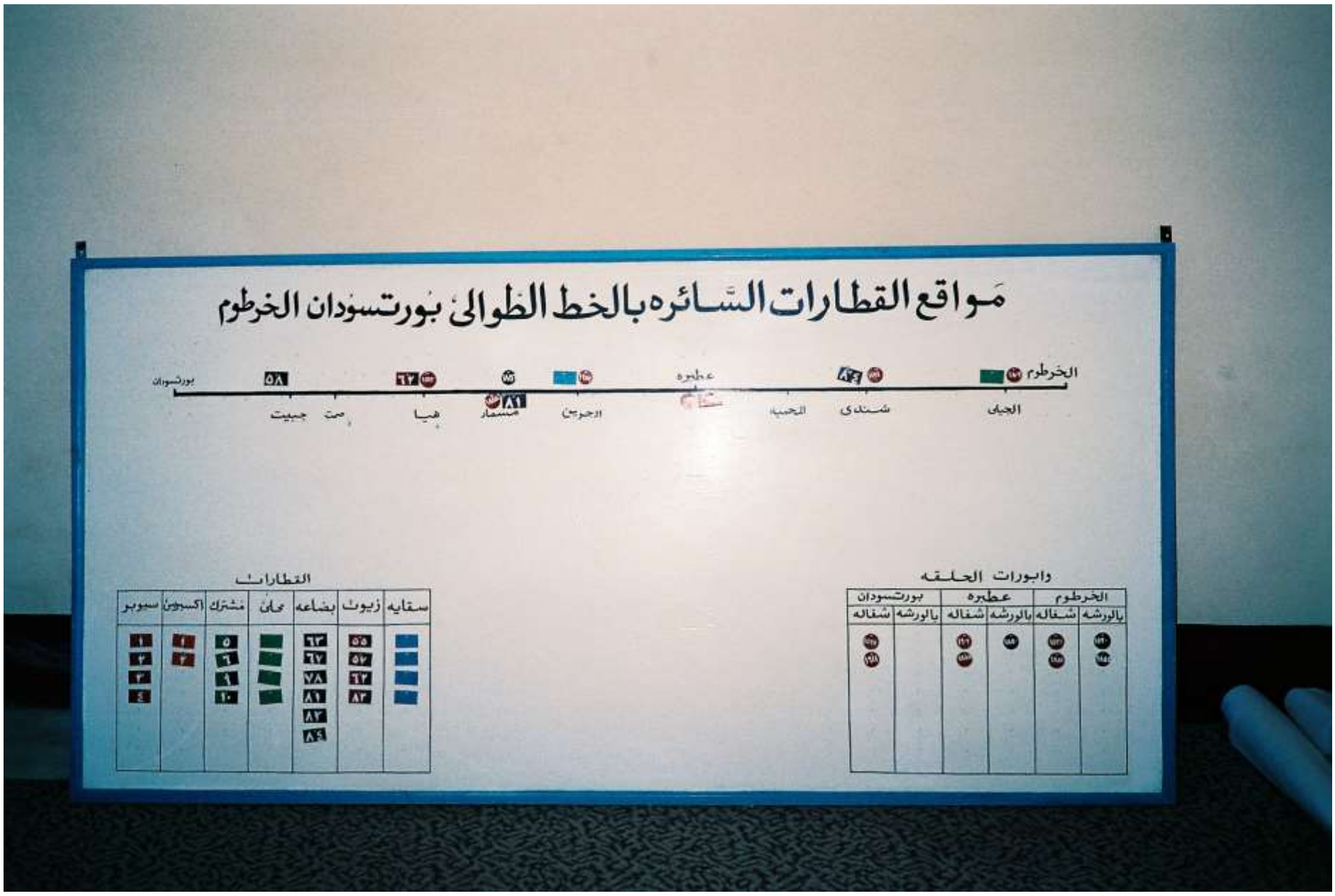

CENTRAL CONTROL OFFICE

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ATTENDING A MEETING

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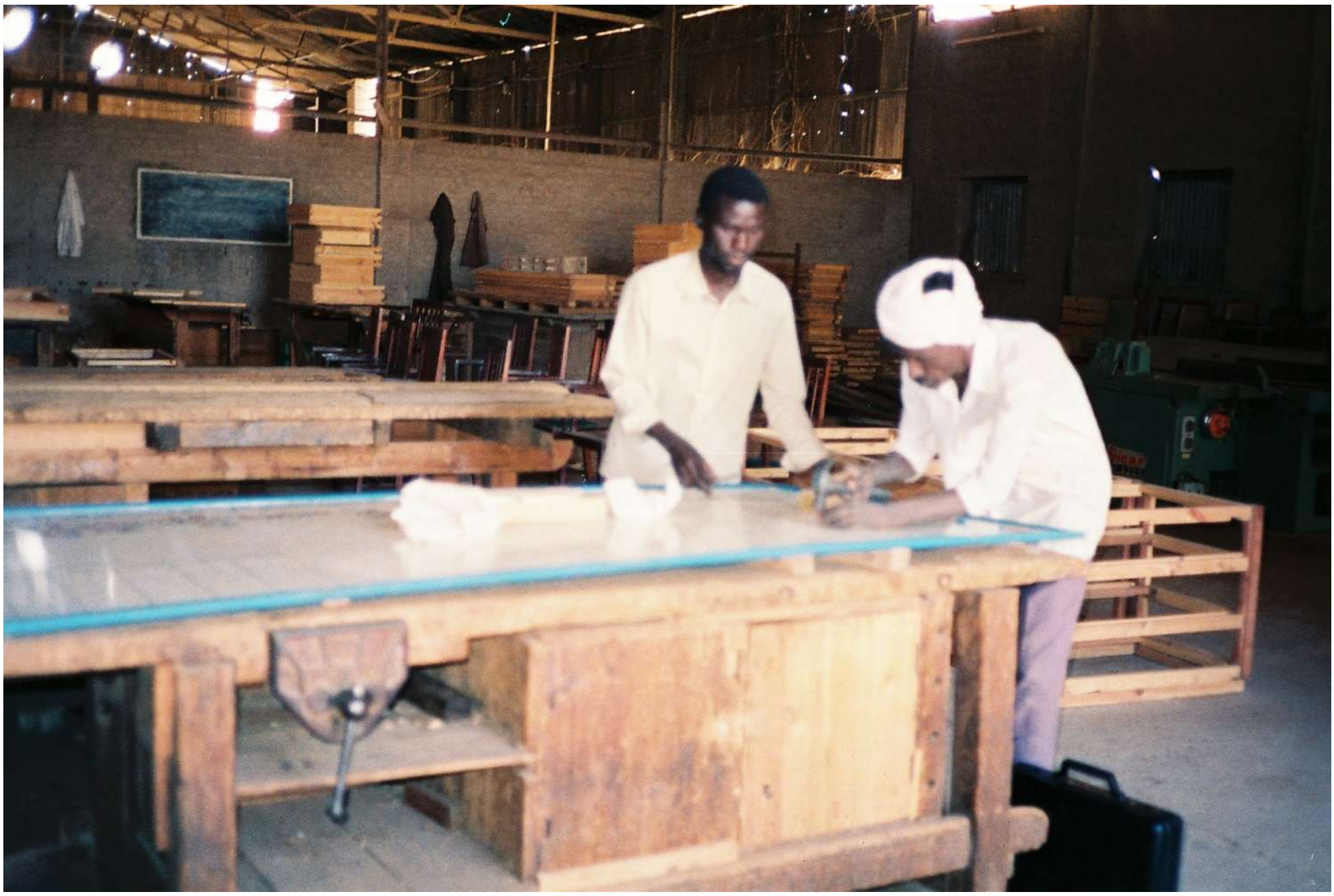


SUDAN RAILWAYS TRAINING CENTRE

RAILWAY TRAINING COURSE

ARRANGED BY ME

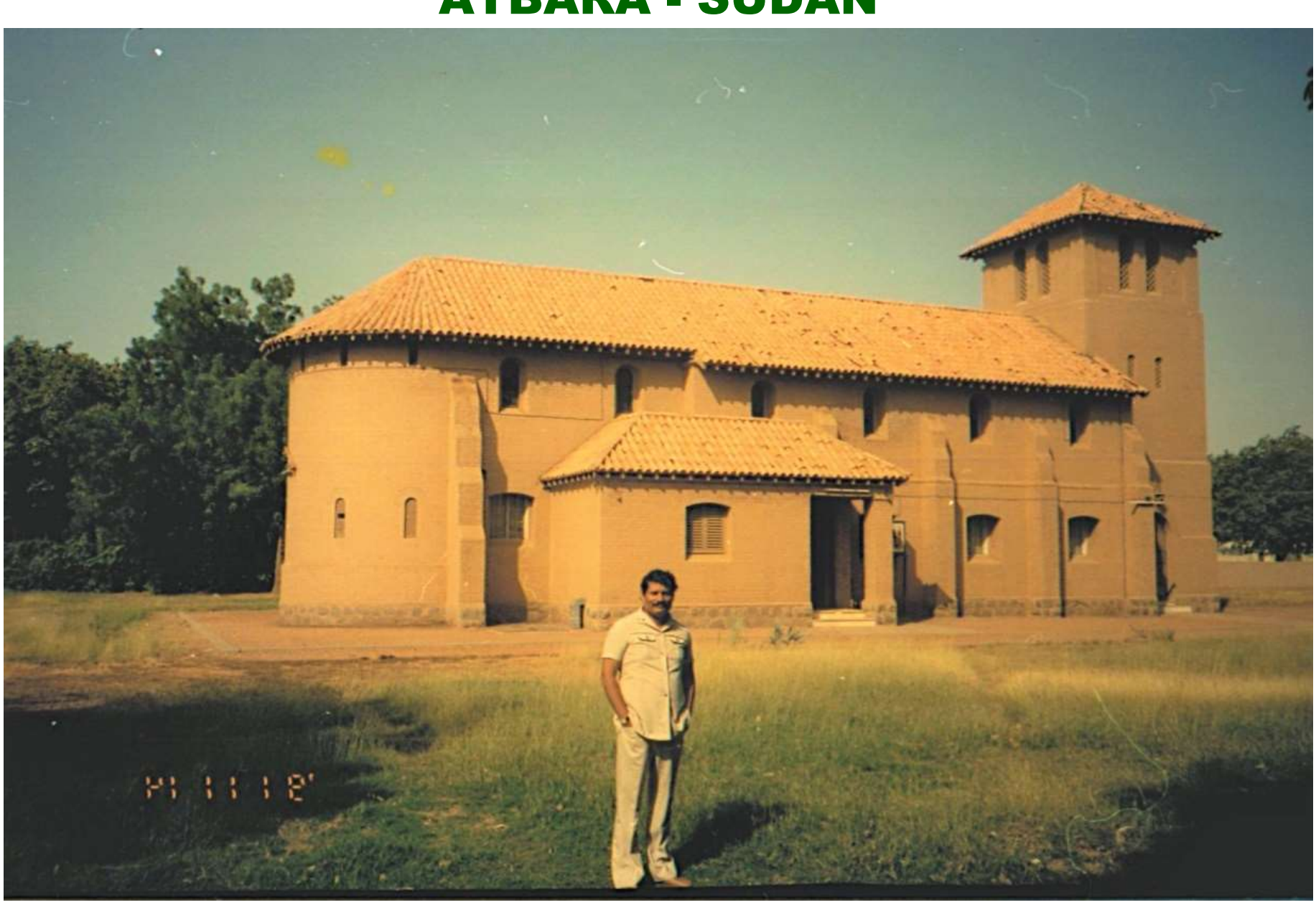
14-11-1991

OUTSIDE THE RAILWAY TRAINING CENTRE ATBARA - SUDAN

I arranged an exhaustive Training Course for the Senior as we as Mid-Management Officers at the Training Centre

It was considered very useful b the TAT as we as Sudan Railway Senior Management

OUTSIDE THE RAILWAY TRAINING CENTRE ATBARA - SUDAN



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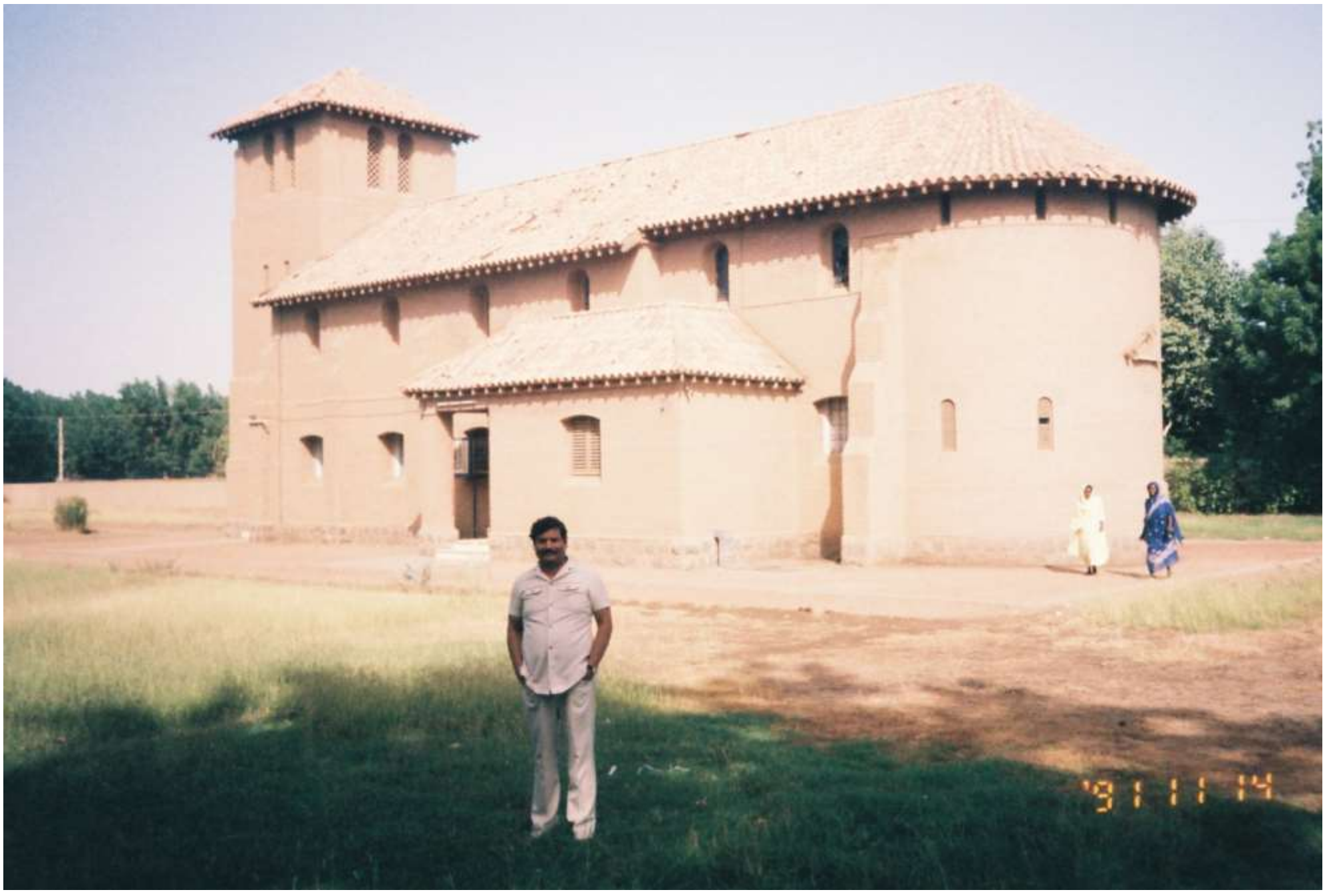

OUTSIDE THE RAILWAY TRAINING CENTRE ATBARA - SUDAN

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GROUP PHOT OF THE PARTICIPANTS

ROUP PHOT OF THE PARTICIPANTS

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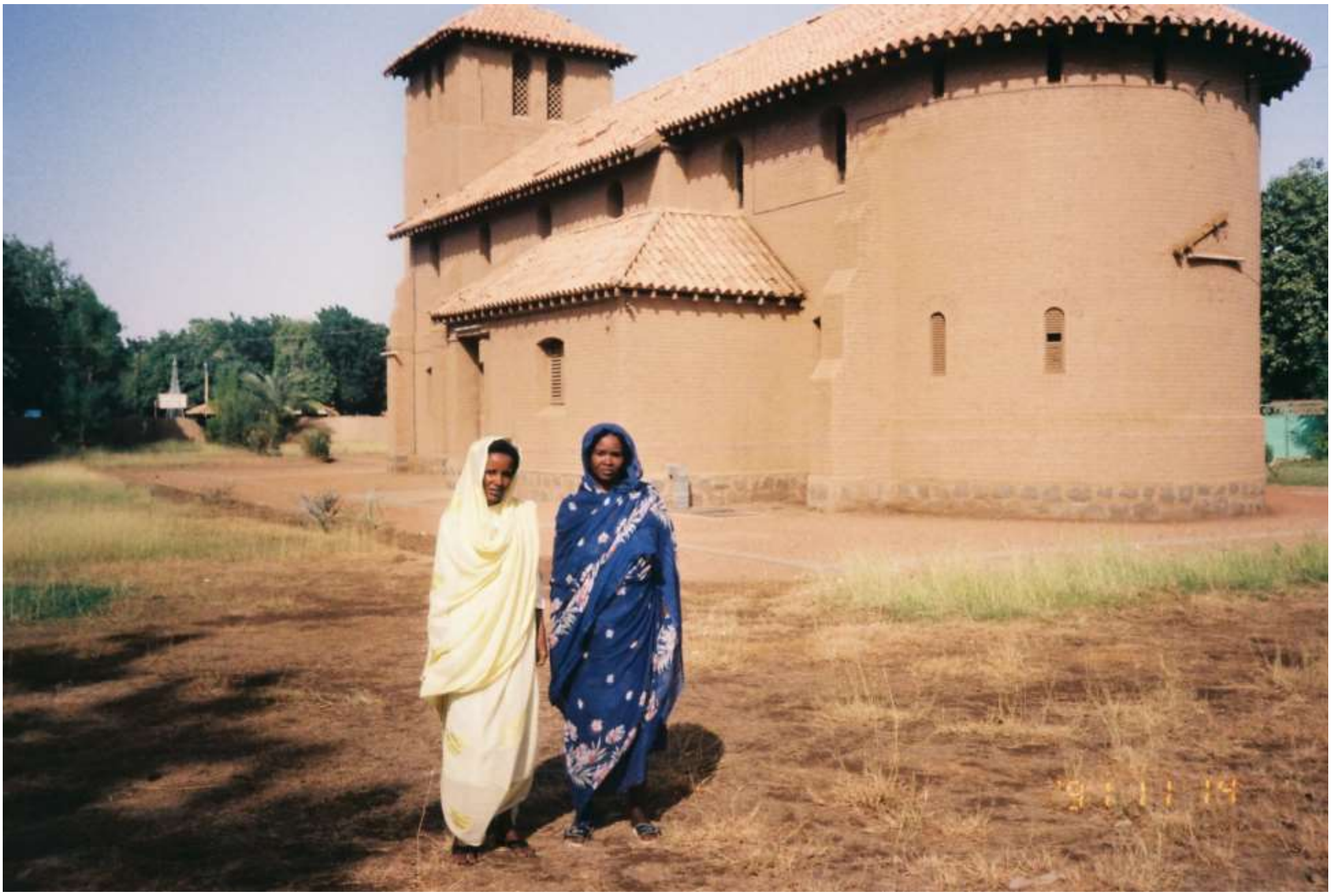
SUDAN RAILWAY STAFF



GROUP PHOT OF THE PARTICIPANTS

PARTICIPANTS IN THE CASS

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE CASS

ENJOYING THE OUTSKIRT

OF

ATBARA – SUDAN

ON THE NILE

WITH

SUAD

ON THE NILE WITH SUAAD

Suaad, wife of Doctor Abbas and the doctor were our friends in Atbara. They were very nice and caring people. They were very kind and helpful.

Once in case of serious illness of he gathered all the senior doctors of the town; and ultimate she was cured

One day Suaad took us to a date garden on the Nile. We joined her to the pce and whole-time enjoyed every part of the activities.

WE WITH SUAAD, SITTING, TOGETHER AND ENJOYING THE PICNIC PARTY

KIRAN IN THE GREEN FIELDS ON THE

IN THE GREEN FIELDES ON THE NILE

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ON THE NILE

WITH

DOCTOR ABBAS

!

ON THE NILE WITH DOCTOR ABBAS

Doctor Abbas was very fond of fishing. One day we went at the Nile for fishing. We enjoyed a lot there without catching a fish

MOEEN WITH DOCTOR ABBAS

MOEEN WITH FISHING ROD DOCTOR SITTING AND REAXING

KIRAN JUST SITTING B THEM

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PICNIC ON THE NILE

ATBARA – SUDAN

WITH FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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PICNIC ON THE NILE WITH FAMILY MEMBERS

One day it was holiday and weather was peasant. We went at the Nile and joined with other Sudanese friends.

It was Picnic on the Nile

FARZANA IN THE FORE FRONT,

SURROUNDED BY SUDANESE FRIENDS

SURROUNDED BY SUDANESE FRIENDS

WITH SUDANESE FRIENDS

SURROUNDED BY SUDANESE FRIENDS

FARZANA, ZEB AND I

FARZANA, MOHSIN AND ZEB

NILE IN FULL SWING

MOHSIN – IN THE BACK DROP, NILE WATER

FARZANA HOLDING ZEB

PICNIC MOOD

PICNIC MOOD

PICNIC ON THE NILE

IN

DATE GARDEN

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Doctor Al Fateh was the General Manager of Sudan Railways. He was a very nice man and good manager.

When at Khartoum, we visited his family and spend very good time in an amiable and pleasant atmosphere; all the members of his family were welcoming and very nice to us.

I, FARZANA(MY WIFE) AND DOCTOR WITH HIS WIFE AND SON

DOCTORS FAMILY

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I AM IN THE COMPANY OF DOCTOR

MR JAVED
OF
PAKISTAN EMBASSY IN SUDAN

KHARTOUM

WITH MR JAVED OF PAKISTAN EMBASSY IN SUDAN AT KHARTOUM

Mr. Javed was the member of Pakistan Embassy in the Sudan. We developed a good friendship which of course I benefitted a lot. He was very fine and nice man. He was very helpful.

We enjoyed his company even at his place and availed the their warm hospitality.

MR. JAVED, JEHANEB AND MYSELF AT HIS PLACE

WITH MR. JAVED'S FAMILY

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WITH MR IMTIAZ MANAGER HABIB BANK PAKISTAN AT KHARTOUM

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IN THE OFFICE OF HABIB BANK LTD

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KHARTOUM, SUDAN

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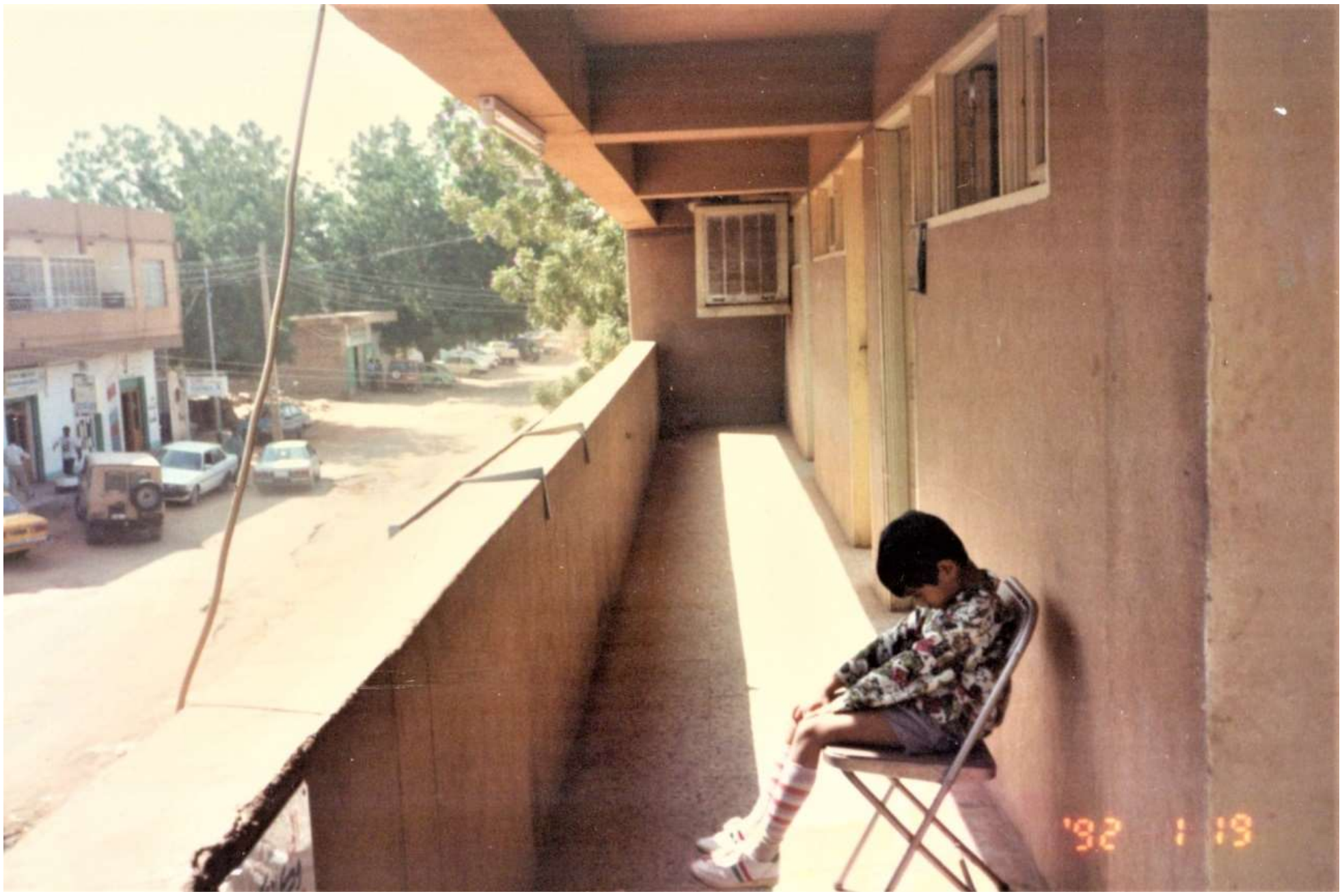

A VISIT TO THE ZOO

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FARZANA, MOHSIN, ZEB, & MYSELF

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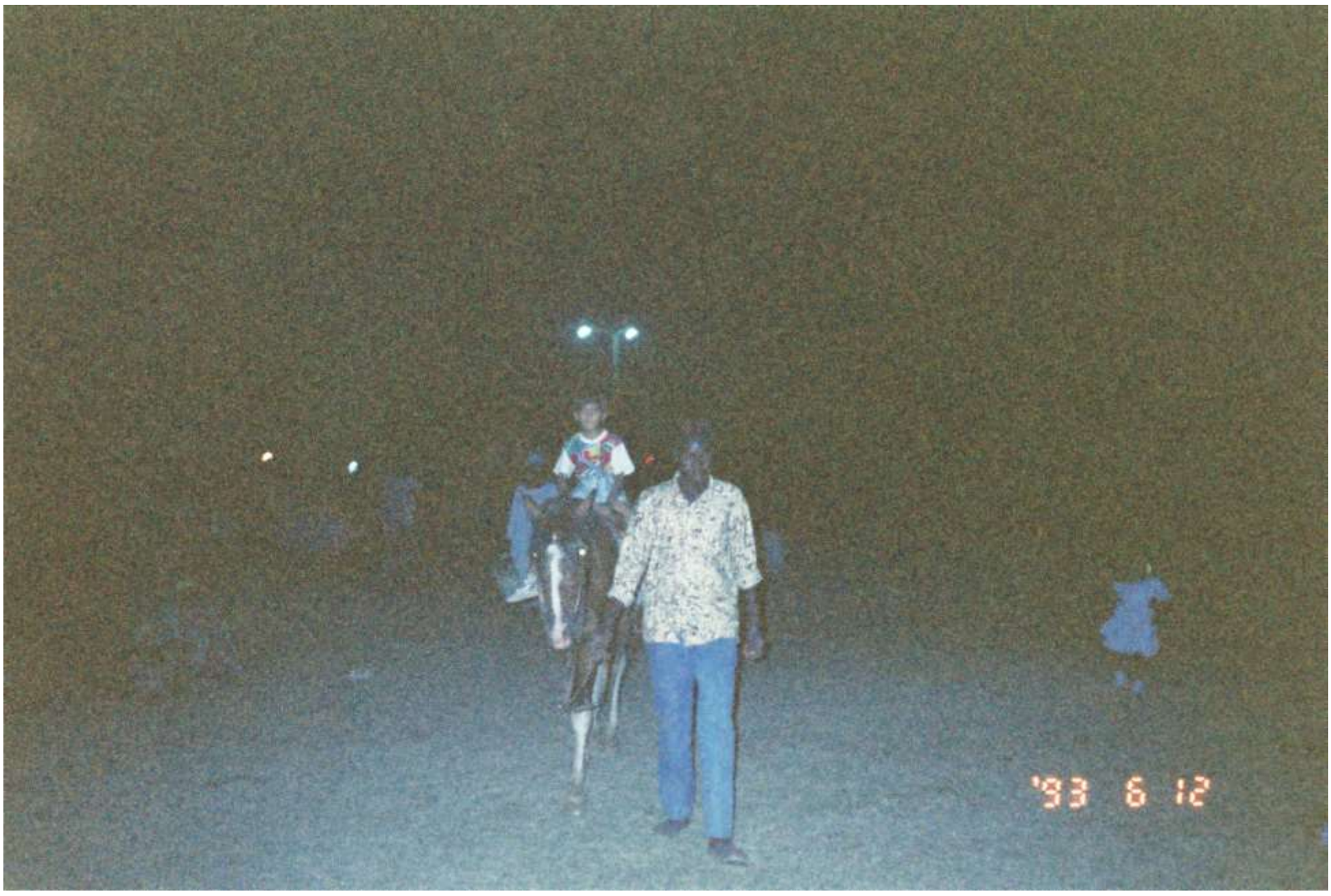
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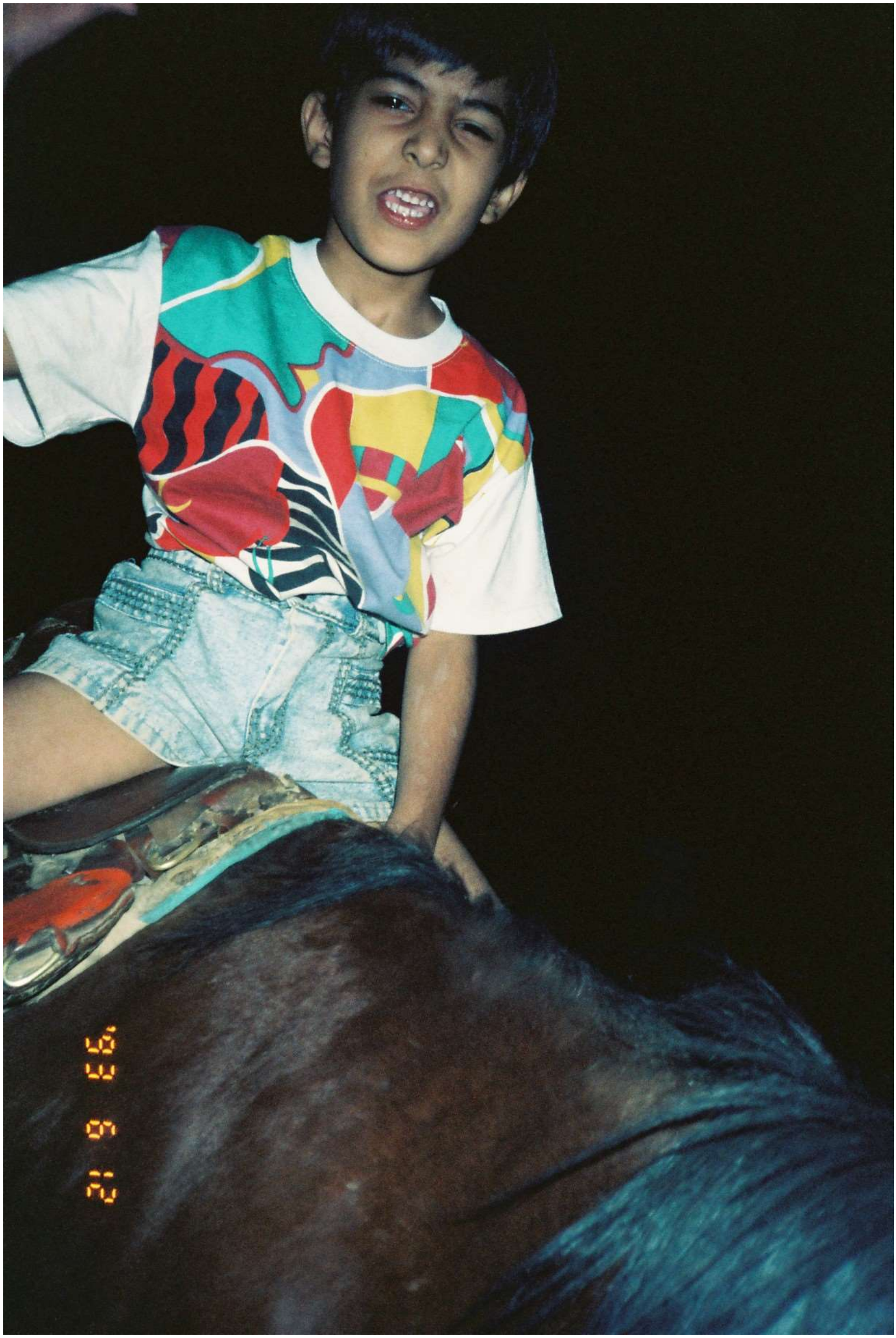
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AT A HOSPITAL IN KHARTOUM

1993-6-21

IN SUDAN RAILWAY OFFICE KHARTOUM

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KHARTOUM MARKET

KHARTOUM REST HOUSE

WITH MR JOHN TAIT

HEAD WORLD BANK MISSION IN SUDAN

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KHARTOUM REST HOUSE
MYSELF AND MR JOHN TAIT
HEAD WORD BANK MISSION IN SUDAN

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KHARTOUM REST HOUSE
FARANA AND MR JOHN TAIT
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LIFE IN KHARTOUM

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WITH A SUDANESE STAFF MEMBER

KHARTOUM

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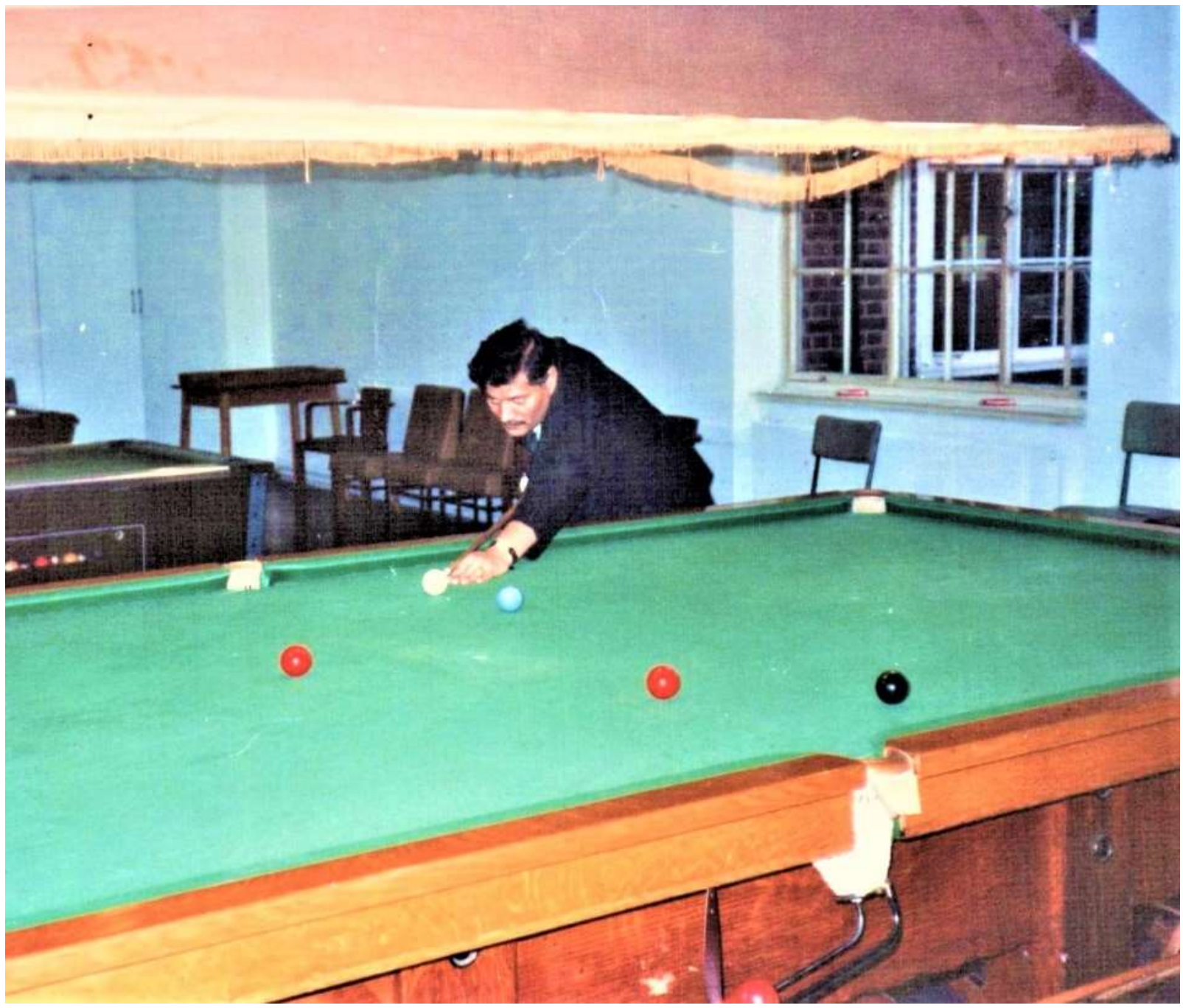
IN THE BILLIARD CLUB

ATBARA, SUDAN



CINEMA AND FILMS IN ATBARA

In Atbara there was an open air cinema i.e. the cinema without any roof. We saw a number of films there and enjoyed a lot. Most of the time, Mr. Naqi was my company.

DEPARTURE FROM SUDAN

We were scheduled to leave the country on 22nd June 1993. On 19th June 1993 we left Atbara at 12/- and reached Khartoum at 20/-.

On way we stayed at Shendi at Saad's House

At Khartoum we stayed at the Sudan Railways' Rest House

On 20 June 1993 we spent the day at Khartoum; and we got our reservation reconfirmed

On 21 June 1993 we spent the day at Khartoum and stayed at the Railway Rest House.

We visited the Gulf Air Office, High Commission Office, Pakistan, Dikeran's Office, bought some Gift Papers, visited the Manager Habib Bank, Mr. Imtiaz, visited Sudan Railway Corporation's Office and met Mr. Faqiri. In the evening we paid homage at Dr Al Fateh, the General Manager, Sudan Railways' House

Spent some time there, met all the members of his family and took some photographs which are placed at the preceding pages.

After that we visited Mr. Javed of Pakistan High Commission and took dinner there.

On 23 June 1993 spent farewell time at Khartoum and visited SRC Office, Gulf Air Office, Dikeran's Office and Omm e Darman.

On the same day we flew from Khartoum at 15/50 by Gulf Air and reached Doha at 20/20 wherefrom flew at 23/30 by Dubai GF 510

On 24 June 1993 we stayed at Dubai in Al Hashmi Hotel, Naïf, Al Deira

From 25 June 1993 to to 2 July we stayed at Dubai and enjoyed a lot and took lot of photographs places in Dubai which are there in 'Pictorial Travelogue UAE 1993'

On 3rd July 1993 we left Dubai for Karachi, Pakistan by PK 220 at 19/30 and reached there at 22/20.

Next day on 4th July 1993 left Karachi at 1/00 hr and reached Lahore at 2/40 a.m.

We were received at Lahore Airport by all the members of the family.

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I, Maqsood Ahmad Khan, after having the degree of Master in Economic from Government College, Lahore (Punjab University), qualified the Competitive Examination for Civil Services of Pakistan in 1974; and was allocated to the Traffic (Transportation & Commercial Group) of Pakistan Railways. I rose to the level of General Manager Welfare & Training; and completed my services on 4th March 2010 after attaining the age of superannuation.

During the service, I could visit many a countries: Belgium, Canada, Egypt, France, Holland, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, UAE, USA, UK and West Germany in connection with foreign assignments, training, meetings, visits and studies; alone or with the members of my family.

To make theses journeys memorable, the use of the camera was resorted to, wherever and whenever possible. The collection of the photographs thus taken, when seen at the later years gave an account of travels round the world, which, I am sharing with others as informative; archive value or for personal actualization; that I could visit the places which, I, only dreamt of. Hope, whosoever, finds an opportunity to go through these, would enjoy my Pictorial Travelogue.

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